



Board Meeting Highlights June 16, 2021

At the beginning of the meeting, chairperson Carreras acknowledged the devastating discovery of the remains of 215 Indigenous children buried in unmarked graves at the site of a former residential school in Kamloops, BC. Chairperson Carreras noted the discovery is a painful reminder of the lasting harms on Indigenous communities and the ongoing intergenerational trauma suffered by Indigenous families.

Presentation: Literacy

Assistant Superintendent Jovo Bikic and district helping teachers Cindy Penner, Anita Neufeld, and Denise Upton presented to the board on the work of the literacy team in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District. Literacy is a key strategic priority for the school district. The direction of work in this area is informed by data collected through formative assessments, teacher surveys, teacher collaboration with other itinerants, and summative year-end data.

Amendment to 2021/22 District School Calendar

The board approved the Amended 2021/22 District School Calendar, which had been made publicly available for feedback on the district website from May 7, 2021, to June 8, 2021. The amended calendar includes the following changes:

1. students and staff return from winter break on Monday, January 3, 2022
2. the last instructional day for students is Thursday, June 23, 2022
3. the year-end administrative day for teachers is Friday, June 24, 2022
4. five minutes are added to the end of each instructional day to meet School Calendar Regulation requirements for hours of instruction

School Fees Schedule and Specialty Academy Fees Schedule 2021/22

The board approved the proposed Secondary School Fees Schedule and the Academy Fees Schedule for the 2021/22 school year. The schedules are available on the district website in the [June 16, 2021 agenda package](#), and will also be posted to the respective school and program websites. A hardship fund is available for all students who need assistance.

Strategic Plan Update

The board approved the Strategic Plan Update, which identifies the school district's five strategic priorities and their related goals. The updated Strategic Plan document is available on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/strategic-plan/>.

2021/22 Capital Plan Bylaw

To access funding for the projects included in the Capital Plan Summary for 2021/22, the board gave three readings to and adopted 2021/22 Capital Bylaw.

2022/23 Capital Plan

The board approved the 2022/23 Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education. Identified priorities fall into the following categories: seismic mitigation projects, school expansion program, site acquisition, school replacement program, building envelope program, school enhancement program, carbon neutral capital program, and playgrounds equipment program. Details are available in the [June 16, 2021 public agenda package](#).

Strategic Facilities Review

The board received the Strategic Facilities Review document for information and authorized the secretary treasurer to begin the strategic facilities plan consultation process. The School District Facilities Plan will be shaped by information presented in the Strategic Facilities Review and through input gathered during the consultation phase between September 2021 and November 2021. The Strategic Facilities Review document is available on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Strategic-Facilities-Review-June-14-2021.pdf>

2021/22 Preliminary Budget Bylaw

The board adopted the 2021/22 Annual Budget Bylaw.

Policy Review Update

At the recommendation of the Board Policy Development Committee, the board approved, received for information, and rescinded the following policies and procedures as noted below. Only minor housekeeping changes were made to approved policies.

Approved

Policy 3901: Maintenance of Order in Schools

Policy 4101: General Banking

Policy 4105: Investment

Policy 4110: Revenue Generation

Policy 4901: Financial Reporting and Administration –School Based Funds

Policy 5780: Information Technology and Communications –Appropriate Use Policy

Policy 7710: Professional Development

Policy 8220: School Day

Policy 8330: Board Authority/Authorized Courses

Policy 8801: Course Challenge

Policy 8912: Independent Directed Studies

Policy 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings

Policy 10200: Communications

Received for information

Procedure 3901.1: Maintenance of Order in Schools

Procedure 8801.1: Course Challenge

Rescinded

Policy 4415: District Funded Attendance at Functions

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities, sharing photos and stories that captured and celebrated the work and learning taking place in the school district.

Trustees' Remuneration

On May 16, 2018, the board approved that for the period 2018 to 2022 trustee remuneration be adjusted on an annual basis effective on July 1 each year based on the Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index differential for the prior year. The board received trustees' remuneration for 2021/22 for information as follows: trustees \$24,600; vice-chairperson \$26,100; chairperson \$27,600.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Trudeau congratulated Grade 7 students transitioning to high school and thanked the school district for creating a space for Indigenous voices to speak about the things impacting our community; trustee Sullivan congratulated district retirees; trustee Murray noted the many bursaries awarded during 2021 grad ceremonies and thanked community members who raised these funds for this purpose; and trustee Yamamoto spoke about the Fraser Valley Regional Library's Summer Reading Club, which helps children maintain their reading levels over the summer months. Finally, trustees congratulated the grads of 2021 and reiterated their gratitude to school district staff for their work during a challenging academic year.

At the close of the meeting, chairperson Carreras wished all students, families, and staff a restful summer on behalf of the Board of Education.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on September 21, 2021.