



## Board Meeting Highlights November 17, 2021

### **Board Chairperson Report 2021/22**

Board Chairperson Carreras presented the annual Board Chairperson Report 2021/22 on behalf of the Maple Ridge –Pitt Meadows Board of Education. Highlights included an overview of the board’s strategic initiatives and related achievements. The full presentation is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2021-11-17-Board-Chairperson-Report.pdf>

### **Board chairperson and vice-chairperson re-elected**

Trustee Korleen Carreras was re-elected chairperson of the board and trustee Elaine Yamamoto was re-elected vice-chairperson of the board. Both positions are for a one-year period.

### **Presentation: Career Development**

Michelle Allen (vice principal of Garibaldi Secondary) and Steve Wiebe (principal of District Alternate) presented to the board on career development in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District. The career development curriculum has evolved over the years, shifting from a content-driven to a student-centered model connected to core competencies. Future goals for the program at the district level include finding more ways to connect SD42 student to post-secondary opportunities, and helping to eliminate barriers. The school district also offers Youth Train in Trades and Youth Work in Trades opportunities, which are offered tuition-free at the Grade 12 level. SD42 partners with employers in the community and in the Lower Mainland to secure positions for students who have completed the Train in Trades Foundation programs. In the 2021/22 school year, the school district saw a 15% increase in enrolment in its Youth Train in Trades programs, moving from 115 to 132 registered students in total.

### **Superintendent’s Update**

Superintendent Harry Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities, beginning with an acknowledgement of the work done by district professional development committees. Highlights included Diwali celebrations and Remembrance Day commemoration activities in schools.

### **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Dumore attended the SOGI Educator Summit, was looking forward to the Salvation Army’s upcoming Dignity Breakfast event, and also noted that members of UPLAN, the Youth Planning Table subcommittee, are starting preparations for the second annual self-guided holiday light tour. Trustee Trudeau spoke about Louis Riel Day celebrations as well as the annual Bernie Bowl touch football tournament at Simon Fraser University (SFU), which raises funds to support the Bernd Dittrich memorial endowment to support international student athletes at SFU. Trustee Shaw acknowledged her appreciation for the increasingly multicultural nature of Maple Ridge as reflected in the celebration and activities in SD42 schools. Trustee Yamamoto attended a Remembrance Day ceremony and also paid a Remembrance Day visit to a Meals on Wheels centenarian. Trustee Sullivan spoke about the compassion and kindness with which communities rallied to support those who affected by the devastating floods, and congratulated 12-

year-old Pitt Meadows resident Nicky Evans, who won second place in the 2021 Field to Fork Challenge with his home-made recipe from farm-fresh produce. Trustee Murray spoke about a generous \$1 million donation from Gary Lycan to the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation to establish a scholarship for graduation students of SD42 pursuing science, and also noted that several recommendations in the province of BC budget consultation report reflected the feedback provided by the SD42 Board of Education. Finally, trustee Carreras attended a learning session on *Islamaphobia in Our Communities in 2021* as well as a virtual Hospital Gala.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on December 8, 2021.**