



Board Meeting Highlights December 8, 2021

Presentation: ADST, Coding and Robotics

Assistant Superintendent David Vandergugten provided the board with an update on *applied design, skills, and technologies (ADST), coding, and robotics* work in the school district. The ADST curriculum facilitates and encourages cross-curricular student learning, providing opportunities that lead students to big idea understandings while developing foundational mindsets and skills in design thinking and making. Schools in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District were early adopters of the ADST curriculum and continue to engage in practical ADST-based, hands-on-learning projects.

Budget process timeline approved

The board approved the following proposed 2022/23 Preliminary Budget Process Timeline:

First quarter financial statements

The board approved financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2021. The financial statements are available in the December 8, 2021 public agenda package at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/December-8-2021-Public-Agenda-Package.pdf>

Policy update

The board approved *Policy 4204: Accumulated Surplus*. The full policy is available for review at: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/4204-Accumulated-Surplus.pdf>

Committee appointments

The board received for information committee appointments for a period of one year commencing December 8, 2021. Committee appointments are captured on the Trustees page of the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/trustees/>.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Harry Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities, opening with an acknowledgement of the work the school district has done in teacher recruitment efforts. Superintendent Dhillon thanked all sponsor teachers in the district who guided and mentored student teachers. Of the 44 students who did their practicum in School District No.42, 23 have already been hired for work with the school district.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Dumore spoke about her participation in a Mental Health First Aid workshop, and the UNICEF Canada Youth Activism Summit; trustee Murray spoke about the passing of former SD42 principal James Longbridge, who had set up the Jassi Sidhu scholarship with the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation; trustee Trudeau spoke about her experience as an Indigenous Education Committee presenter at the BCSTA Trustee Academy; trustee Carreras attended an Indigenous Learning Series event, as well as a National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women vigil. Trustee Carreras also spoke about the Maple Ridge Secondary jazz band concert at the Memorial Peace Park. Trustees also acknowledged the Salvation Army Dignity Breakfast at which SD42 Principal Kristi Blakeway was a keynote speaker, the Elder's Dinner, and the BCSTA Trustee Academy. At the close of the evening, trustees thanked staff for their hard work, and wished everyone safe and relaxing holidays.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on January 19, 2022.