



Board Meeting Highlights January 19, 2022

Draft Strategic Facilities Plan

Secretary Treasurer Coughlan and Superintendent Dhillon presented the *Facilities of the Future Public Consultation Summary* document and the *Draft Strategic Facilities Plan* for information. Draft recommendations reflect the feedback the school district received throughout the public engagement process. In the final step, the school district will consult with the public to inform Board of Education decisions on the *Strategic Facilities Plan* and to deepen public understanding about the proposed draft recommendations.

View the *Facilities of the Future Consultation Summary* document at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2022-01-17-Engagement-Summary-Facilities-of-the-Future.pdf>
View the *Draft Strategic Facilities Plan* at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/DRAFT-STRATEGIC-FACILITIES-PLAN-January-2022.pdf>

School growth plans

Superintendent Dhillon shared school growth plans with the board, noting that the emerging priorities are reflective of the current context. Priorities include an added emphasis on sense of belonging, equity, diversity, racism, social justice, inclusion, pandemic-related learning loss, and mental health. The approved growth plans have been posted to the individual school websites under the parent tab, and are also available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2021-22-SD42-School-Growth-Plans.pdf>.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Harry Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities, acknowledging higher than average student absence rates across the district. Superintendent Dhillon thanked students and families for doing their part in reinforcing the health and safety measures that are in place, and extended heartfelt gratitude to all school district staff for their work and dedication.

Other highlights included an overview of SD42 grad rates. According to the latest Ministry of Education 2020/21 data, 95.6% of SD42 students completed Grade 12 within six years of enrolling in Grade 8, up from 93.2% in 2019/20. Grad rates for students with diverse needs hit a seven-year high of 85.3%, while the graduation rate for students with Indigenous ancestry fell slightly from the seven-year high of 86.2% in 2019/20 to 84.1% in 2020/21.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Shaw was happy to see children back in schools after winter break; trustee Murray acknowledged the work of The Salvation Army; trustee Trudeau acknowledged the work of all staff in the district; trustee Dumore noted that the UPlan table would be participating in Bell Let's Talk Day; trustee Yamamoto expressed gratitude for the

flexibility of staff in helping keep schools open; and trustee Carerras thanked maintenance staff who worked across the holidays to keep sidewalks clean and schools well maintained.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on February 23, 2022.