



**Board Meeting Highlights
February 23, 2022**

Presentation: Coalition for Healthy School Food (BC Chapter)

Samantha Gambling, project coordinator for the BC Chapter of The Coalition for Healthy School Food, presented to the board on the benefits of a universal cost-shared healthy food program. The BC chapter of the coalition works to bring together stakeholders from health, education, and food and agriculture sectors across the province to engage in collective action around school food, both federally and on a provincial scale. Around the world, school food is recognized as a valuable health promotion policy that is linked with positive health and education outcomes in children from all socioeconomic backgrounds.

Non-Resident Fees

The board approved 10-month academic program fees for non-resident students for 2022/23, and continuing education, distributed learning, and summer school course fees for non-resident students, as captured in the tables below.

	Application Fee	Annual Tuition Fee	Homestay Placement Fee	Homestay Fee	Custodian Fee	Airport Fee	Medical Insurance
10-Month Academic	\$200	\$14,500	\$350	\$10,500	\$50	Included	\$1,200

	Course Fee
Continuing Education	\$985
Distributed Learning	\$985
Summer School	\$985

The homestay fee has been increased from \$9,500 to \$10,500; homestay placement fee has been increased from \$300 to \$350; and the custodian fee has been decreased from \$100 to \$50. Additionally, course fees for continuing education, distributed learning, and summer school have been increased from \$900 in 2022/23 to \$985 in 2023/24 to match the per course funding provided by the Ministry of Education for resident students.

2021/22 Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Update

Secretary treasurer Coughlan presented the 2021/22 Amended Annual Budget to the board. The board approved the amended budget, which includes an allocation of \$830,000 from the Operating Fund to Local Capital to fund the purchase of portable classrooms and the set-up of new classrooms.

The full analysis of the amended operating budget is available in the February 23, 2022, public agenda package: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/February-23-2022-Public-Board-Agenda-Package.pdf>

Terms of Reference: Racial Inclusivity and Equity Working Group

The board approved the terms of reference for the Racial Inclusivity and Equity Working Group. The purpose of the committee is to provide a venue for discussions around policy development, the coordination of consultation on the topic, and the formulation of recommendations on policy development in the areas of racial inclusivity and equity.

Operational Plans Update

The board received for information the operational plans for COVID-19 Response, Board of Education, Business Operations, Human Resources, and Information Technology departments. The updated plans are available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Strategic-Plan-February-2022.pdf>.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities. Highlights included an acknowledgement of the ongoing Equity in Action process led by researcher Dr. Amy Parent. The findings from this process, including specific recommendations, are expected to be finalized May 2022.

Enrolment Projections

The board received for information the secretary treasurer's report on enrolment projections for 2022/23 to 2025/26. Estimates suggest a continued increase in student enrolment over the next four years. For 2022/23, K-12 enrolment is forecasted to increase by 212 full-time equivalent (FTE) students; for 2023/24, enrolment is forecasted to increase by 358 FTE; for 2024/25, there is an anticipated increase of 175 FTE; and for 2025/26, the forecasted increase is 247 FTE.

The full report, including students with special needs, English language learners, and Indigenous education, is available in the February 23, 2022, public agenda package at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/February-23-2022-Public-Board-Agenda-Package.pdf>.

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Shaw reflected on the impact school district staff have on students; trustee Sullivan appreciated hearing student feedback in the Strategic Facilities Plan student voice workshop; trustee Trudeau attended the Golden Ears Métis Society Family Day event where she was recognized for her work on the board of education; trustee Yamamoto spoke about January as family literacy month, noting that Maple Ridge Library handed out over 500 packages of takehome activities for families, and also spoke about her participation in BC Spokes anti-racism meetings; and trustee Carreras attended the unveiling of Foundry Ridge Meadows mural, which was created by Katzie artist Rain Pierre and funded through a grant from the BC Summer Games 2020 Legacy Fund.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on March 9, 2022.