



Board Meeting Highlights April 13, 2022

Proposed Preliminary Budget 2022/23

Secretary treasurer Coughlan and superintendent Dhillon presented the *Proposed Preliminary Budget 2022/23* to the board. In accordance with the School Act, school districts in the province must approve the balanced budget and submit it to the Ministry of Education by June 30, 2022. The *Proposed Preliminary Budget 2022/23* is available for review on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/budget-process/2022-budget-process/>.

The Board of Education will make its final deliberations and approve the Preliminary Budget 2022/23 at the public board meeting on April 27, 2022.

Amendment to 2022/23 School Calendars

The board received for information amended school calendars for 2022/23 and approved that the calendars be shared with the public on the school district website from April 14, 2022, to May 15, 2022. Proposed amendments to both the 2022/23 District School Calendar and the 2022/23 Kanaka Creek Elementary Calendar include the following:

1. adding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Friday, September 30, 2022, as a statutory holiday for students and staff;
2. making the previously approved schools not in session day on Friday, February 17, 2023, a regular in-session school day (to meet instructional minutes requirements);
3. moving the previously approved non-instructional school growth planning day from Monday, September 26, 2022, to Monday, October 3, 2022.

Public feedback will be considered before the board makes its decision on these amendments.

2022/23 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan

The board approved the 2022/23 Annual Facility Grant Spending Plan and authorized the secretary treasurer to submit it to the Ministry of Education. The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District portion of the 2022/23 Annual Facility Grant will be \$2,654,060. The funds will go towards facility upgrades at various schools. A summary of the 2022/23 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan is included in the April 13, 2022, agenda package: <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/April-13-2022-Public-Board-Agenda-Package.pdf>.

2022/23 Capital Plan Bylaw

To access funding for the projects included in the Capital Plan Summary for 2022/23, the board gave three readings to and adopted 2022/23 Capital Bylaw.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities, opening with an acknowledgment of the 11 childcare facilities run by private providers that are located at school sites throughout the school district.

Trustee Motions: Capital Cost Share and Request for Annual Report on Deferred Maintenance

The board approved the following submission of the following two motions to BC School Trustees Association for consideration:

Capital Cost Share

“THAT BCSTA request the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance and Treasury Board discontinue the practice of requiring Boards of Education to use operating funds towards supported capital projects that should be fully funded by the province (e.g. new schools, school expansion); And Further:

THAT the BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance and Treasury Board commit to respecting local decisions regarding strategic plan priorities, long term financial plans and financial risk management; And Further:

THAT the BCSTA request that the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Finance and Treasury Board acknowledge that, similar to the provincial government, a Boards of Education policy of maintaining contingencies allocations/reserves is a prudent measure to provide for unforeseen and unbudgeted costs that may arise, and to fund local priority initiatives.”

Request to Ministry for Annual Report on Deferred Maintenance

“THAT BCSTA request the Ministry of Education provide the Association with an annual report on school building deferred maintenance including:

- a. The average facility condition index for school buildings in BC,*
- b. The estimated value of deferred (unfunded) maintenance, and*
- c. The Ministry’s plan to address the shortfall and worsening condition of school buildings.”*

Good News

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Sullivan noted that the Resonance on the Ridge music festival is coming up on April 26 and 27, 2022. This SD42 pilot project will featured bands from elementary and secondary schools across the district. Trustee Yamamoto noted that a representative from Youth Unlimited will be teaming up with the chef at Garibaldi Secondary to host a number of cooking classes, and also looked forward to the restarting of the Children’s Clothing Freecycle program at Eric Langton Elementary on May 28, 2022. Trustee Murray looked forward to listening to the Pitt Meadows Secondary Grade 6 elementary band on April 26, 2022, and attending a number of community events. Trustee Trudeau spoke about attending the Declaration on the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples Act at the legislature in Victoria and also noted she would be unveiling a plaque at the BC Place Terry Fox statue recognizing Terry Fox’s Métis heritage on April 14, 2022. The unveiling is being undertaken in partnership with the Terry Fox family and the Terry Fox Foundation. Trustee Dumore participated in the Supporting Sexual and Gender Diverse Views through Trauma Informed Care session and noted the Maple Ridge Secondary cheerleading team once again received an invitation to the provincial championships. Trustee Carreras noted that the BC School Trustees Association released a trustee candidate handbook for those who are thinking of running for trustee on October 15, 2022, and also attended a community leadership table. Trustees also spoke about their visit to Pitt Meadows Secondary.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on April 27, 2022.