



**Board Meeting Highlights  
May 18, 2022**

**Presentation: SD42 Early Learning Initiatives**

Early learning helping teacher Melanie Scarcella presented the to board on early learning initiatives in the school district, noting that the Ministry of Education has formally broadened its scope of responsibilities and is now the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The vision of the SD42 Early Years Program is to develop a collaborative, community approach to the offering of space and time for inclusive, diverse, and playful experiences within the Early Learning Framework. The program seeks to encourage engaging conversations with families to foster their connection to the community and the school district.

**Board Meeting Schedule 2022/23 and 2023/24**

The board approved the following regular public board meeting schedule for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school years:

| 2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR |                | 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR |                |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| September 7, 2022   | March 8, 2023  | September 20, 2023  | March 6, 2024  |
| November 2, 2022    | April 12, 2023 | October 18, 2023    | April 10, 2024 |
| November 23, 2022   | April 26, 2023 | November 15, 2023   | April 24, 2024 |
| December 7, 2022    | May 17, 2023   | December 6, 2023    | May 15, 2024   |
| January 18, 2023    | June 21, 2023  | January 17, 2024    | June 19, 2024  |
| February 15, 2023   |                | February 21, 2024   |                |

**Amendment to 2022/23 School Calendars**

The board approved the amended 2022/23 District School Calendar and the amended 2022/23 Kanaka Creek Elementary School Calendar. Both amended calendars had been made publicly available for input on the school district website for 30 days. The calendars include the following changes and are now available on the school district website (<https://www.sd42.ca/district-school-calendars/>):

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.

**Trustee Remuneration**

The review of trustee remuneration in comparator school districts identified that trustee remuneration in SD42 is significantly lower and should be increased for trustees elected for the term 2022 to 2026.

The board approved the following trustee remuneration effective November 1, 2022: trustees \$28,200; vice-chairperson \$29,700; chairperson \$31,200.

### **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities, noting that Garibaldi Secondary is now a fully accredited Middle Years Program International Baccalaureate World School. At this time there are only 26 schools in BC that have been granted accreditation to offer the Middle Years IB program. Garibaldi Secondary is only one of three public schools in the province to offer both the middle years program and the diploma program. Superintendent Dhillon congratulated Garibaldi staff, who have dedicated their time and attention to the accreditation process over the past five years.

### **Environmental Sustainability Update**

The board received the Environmental Sustainability Update and 2021 Climate Change Accountability Report for information. Continuing plans for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in 2022 include complete boiler upgrades aimed at replacing end of life equipment and increasing energy efficiency; and heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) optimization opportunities. The goals of the Environmental Sustainability Plan are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 22% by 2026 and to improve building efficiency by 20% by 2026.

The full 2021 Climate Change Accountability Report is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/energy-environmental-sustainability/>

### **Trustee Motion: Friends in Need Food Bank**

The board authorized Chairperson Carreras to provide a letter of support to the Friends in Need Food Bank for use with their grant application.

### **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Murray attended and enjoyed the third annual Thomas Haney Art Gala; trustee Yamamoto looked forward to attending upcoming graduation ceremonies; trustee Sullivan spoke about the cross country meet for primary students; trustee Dumore attended the *Let's Talk About Substance Use* event with keynote speaker Guy Felicella and also noted that Thomas Haney Secondary alumn Hudson Campbell would be appearing on the Food Network's *Wall of Bakers* competition series; trustee Carreras attended the Davie Jones Child Care formal opening, an Alisa's Wish fundraiser, as well as the opening of Cornerstone Landing, which has 20 dedicated youth housing units. Trustees also spoke about their participation in the Pitt Meadows capstone interviews, the 20-year staff recognition event, and the impactful district pro-d keynote presentation, *On the Path of Reconciliation*, by Kevin Lamoureux.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on June 15, 2022.**