



## Board Meeting Highlights June 15, 2022

### **Presentation: Aboriginal Education**

Principal of Aboriginal Education Kirsten Urdahl-Serr presented to the board on activities in the Aboriginal education department. Enrolment data shows a trend of students increasingly choosing to remain in the Aboriginal education program once they enter it, highlighting the value the program provides to students of Aboriginal ancestry. Departmental growth plan goals for the 2021/22 school year included having staff learn new strategies/teachings to support students in their social emotional, academic, and cultural learning; fostering a sense of connection and belonging with a focus on students at key transitions; and ensuring students and families feel connected to the SD42 Indigenous community.

### **Deepening Indigenous Education and Equity Report**

The board received for information the report *Deepening Indigenous Education and Equity: Supporting the Wholistic Success of Indigenous Learners, Families, and Communities in Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42*, and approved the initiation of a process to develop an action plan that gives consideration to the recommendations set out in the report.

The report was commissioned by the school district in answer to the July 2020, Ministry of Education request that school districts undertake an Equity Scan process in order to identify both promising practices and barriers that impact the achievement and success of Indigenous students. The equity report, completed by Dr. Amy Parent and her research team, goes well beyond ministry expectations, and provides recommendations based on feedback gathered from an extensive engagement process with stakeholders that included Katzie First Nation, Kwantlen First Nation, Golden Ears Métis Society, Fraser Valley Indigenous Society, the SD42 Board of Education, senior management team, managers, teachers, principals/vice-principals, students, support staff, caregivers, and community members.

The full report is available on the District Reports page of the school district website:  
<https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Deepening-Indigenous-Education-and-Equity.pdf>

### **School Fees Schedule and Specialty Academy Fees Schedule 2022/23**

The board approved the proposed Secondary School Fees Schedule and the Academy Fees Schedule for the 2022/23 school year. The schedules are available on the district website in [the June 15, 2022, agenda package](#), and will also be posted to the respective school and program websites. A hardship fund is available for all students who need financial assistance.

### **Eligible School Sites Proposal**

The board approved an eligible school sites proposal to be incorporated into the 2023/24 Capital Plan and submitted to the Ministry of Education. The board expects one new school site will be required over the next ten-year period to accommodate growth in the school district. It is anticipated one additional school site will need to be purchased within ten years. The full eligible school sites proposal is in the [June 15, 2022, public agenda package](#).

### **Five-Year Capital Plan**

The board approved the Major Capital Program and the Building Envelope Program projects for the Five-Year Capital Plan 2023/24 for submission to the Ministry of Education. Identified priorities include

school expansion for Harry Hooge Elementary, Blue Mountain Elementary, and Samuel Robertson Technical Secondary; school replacement for Pitt Meadows Secondary and a major renovation for Pitt Meadows Elementary; school site acquisition in the Silver Valley area of Maple Ridge; and building envelope upgrades for Fairview, Pitt Meadows and Alouette elementary schools.

### **Policy Updates**

The board approved the following policies following the required public consultation process:

- *Policy 2400: School Board Meeting Proceedings*
- *Policy 4600: Procurement of Goods and Services*
- *Policy 9420: Dangerous Weapons in the Schools*
- *Policy 9705: Student Records*
- *Policy 9925: Non-District Sponsored Activities Including Students*

The approved policies are available in the online policy manual at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policy-manual/>.

### **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on various school events and activities, including literacy week at Pitt Meadows Secondary, the district track meet, school activities recognizing National Indigenous History Month, and school activities recognizing Pride Month.

Highlights from the 2021/22 school year are included in the annual [District Highlights magazine](#).

### **Good News**

In the good news portion of the evening, trustees noted the following items: trustee Dumore spoke about the Job Fair for SD42 youth and her attendance at the *Leading Change: Young Disability Champions in Conversation with Rick Hansen* panel discussion. Trustee Murray thanked all the organizations that supported SD42 students with scholarships and bursaries and acknowledged the work of secretary treasurer Coughlan during her tenure as president of the BC Association of School Business Officials. Trustees Carreras and Dumore spoke about their participation in the Environmental Roundtable with Minister of Environment and Climate Change, George Heyman. Finally, trustees also spoke about their attendance at graduation ceremonies and wished everyone a safe and relaxing summer.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on September 7, 2022.**