



Board Meeting Highlights January 18, 2023

School Growth Plans

Superintendent Dhillon shared school growth plans with the board, noting that the goals identified in the plans show a commitment to equity, inclusion, and anti-racism, and continue to relate to the four broad categories of improved learning and assessment, social emotional learning, literacy, and secondary innovation. Superintendent Dhillon recognized staff for their continued commitment to growth. The approved growth plans have been posted to individual school websites under the parent tab and are also available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/strategic-plan/>.

Budget Process

The board approved the following 2023/24 Preliminary Budget Process timeline and it is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/budget-process/budget-process-2023/>

First Quarter Financial Statements

The board approved financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2022. The financial statements are available in the January 18, 2023 public agenda package at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/January-18-2023-Public-Board-Agenda-Package.pdf>

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on the Post-Secondary Needs Assessment that will begin in the next couple of weeks with a completion date of July 23, 2023. The assessment, which was commissioned by the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, will seek to identify the institutions students are currently attending, barriers to accessing post-secondary education, current and projected employer needs in the community, and training opportunities for adult learners. The assessment is led by Osier Consulting, working with Kwantlen Polytechnic, Douglas College, the University of Fraser Valley, and the Justice Institute of BC.

Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2022/23

The goal of the Board Policy Development Committee is to review all existing board policies over the next four years. The board received for information the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2022/23, which is available for review in the [January 18, 2023, public meeting agenda package](#).

Trustee Motion

The board approved the following motion submitted by trustee Dumore for consideration at the BC School Trustee Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting 2023:

That the BCSTA request that the provincial government establish and fund the implementation of provincial guidance for substance education and guidelines for opioid overdose response in school settings, created by a provincial taskforce comprised of specialist from Ministry of Health, Ministry of Mental Health and Addiction, Ministry of Education and Child Care, Provincial Health, First Nations Education Steering Committee, Métis Nation BC, and representatives from all education stakeholders, including those with lived experience.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on February 15, 2023.