



**Board Meeting Highlights  
February 15, 2023**

**Presentation: After School Programs**

Program Manager Craig Mitchell presented to the board on after-school programming in the school district, noting that approximately 800 to 1000 students in 21 schools will have participated in a district-hosted after school program in the 2022/23 school year. Current programs offered include soccer, Kids Innovative (Coding), I Am Awesome, Shotokan Karate, as well as online workshop options. The school district continues to seek out opportunities to find quality programs that meet the needs of students and families.

**Student and Family Affordability Fund**

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Richard Rennie presented to the board on the district Student and Family Affordability Fund. Between November 2022 and February 2023, 56 food applications were processed and \$248,210 in funding for food expenses was approved. The district is using the funding to improve the quality, quantity, and diversity of existing options in schools, and to provide support to students and families in the form of food subsidies, grocery store gift cards, shoes and clothing, eyeglasses, school supplies, payment of school fees and field trip fees, graduation fees, public bus fare, and more.

**Board Meeting Schedule Change**

The board approved a change to the regular board meeting schedule for 2022/23, moving the regular board meeting to March 1, 2023. The amended budget will now be approved at the March 1, 2023, regular board meeting.

**Letter of Support**

The board authorized the chairperson to sign on behalf of the board a letter of advocacy for the re-opening of the Youth Safe House in Maple Ridge.

**Proposed District School Calendars 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26**

The board received for information proposed district school calendars for 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 and approved that they be shared with public for feedback. The calendars will be out for public consultation from February 16, 2023, until March 18, 2023. Feedback will be reviewed by senior team and the proposed calendars will be adjusted if required before being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at the April 12, 2023, public meeting. Approved calendars will be posted to the district website and submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

The proposed district calendars for 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26 are available on the district website at: <https://www.sd42.ca/proposed-district-calendars/>

**Non-Resident Fees**

The board approved the following fees for non-resident students for 2024/25:

	<b>Application Fee</b>	<b>Annual Tuition</b>	<b>Homestay Administration Fee</b>	<b>Homestay Fee</b>	<b>Custodian Fee</b>	<b>Airport Fee</b>	<b>Medical Insurance</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>10 Month Academic</b>	\$200	\$15,350	350 (annual)	\$11,500	\$150	Included	\$1,200	Orientation Fee \$150

The board also approved the following fees for non-resident students for the soccer academy, basketball academy, continuing education, online learning and summer learning:

<b>Course or Academy Fee</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2024/25</b>
Soccer Academy	\$800	\$1000
Basketball Academy	\$450	\$1000
Continuing Education	\$985	\$1100
Online Learning	\$985	\$1100
Summer Learning	\$985	\$1100

### **Auditor Appointed**

The board approved the appointment of KPMP LLP as auditors for the board for each of the two fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, and 2024.

### **Superintendent's Update**

In the superintendent's update, Superintendent Dhillon presented to the board on the six-year grad completion rates for the 2021/22 school year. The six-year grad rates for all students for 2021/22 are among the highest in the province at 96%, which is slightly higher than previous school year's rates for all students of 95.6%. Grad rates for resident Indigenous students have increased from 84.1% in 2020/21 to 90% in 2021/22, and grad rates for students with diverse needs went from 85.3% in 2020/21 to 87% in 2021/22.

### **Enrolment Projections**

The board received for information enrolment projections for 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27. K-12 enrolment is projected to increase by 343 FTE in 2023/24, 226 FTE in 2024/25, 213 FTE in 2025/26, and 230 FTE in 2026/27. The full report, including enrolment projections for summer learning, students with special needs, English Language Learners, Indigenous Education, and international education, is available online in the [February 15, 2023, agenda package](#).

### **Motions to BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA)**

The board approved the following three motions for submission to the BCSTA:

*"That the BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for the implementation of an equitable distribution of CommunityLINK and Equity of Opportunity funding to all school districts in the province."*

*"That the BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care complete a review of the Area Standards for new school capital projects in collaboration with all education partner groups to ensure sufficient space is provided in schools to adequately address the diverse and changing needs of students."*

*"That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care initiate a review aimed at streamlining the Ministry's reporting requirements of Boards of Education and implement the recommended reporting changes without delay. The review should be conducted in collaboration with education partners."*

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on March 1, 2023.**