



## Board Meeting Highlights May 17, 2023

### **School Fees Schedule and Specialty Academy Fees Schedule 2023/24**

The board approved the proposed School Fees Schedule and the Academy Fees Schedule for the 2023/24 school year. The schedules are available on the district website in the [May 17, 2023, agenda package](#), and will also be posted to the respective school and program websites. A hardship fund is available for students who qualify for financial assistance.

### **Policy Review Update**

The board approved housekeeping changes to the following policies:

- *Policy 4203: Budget Planning and Reporting*
- *Policy 5905: Alcohol – Consumption, Possession and Storage*
- *Policy 6801: School Closure*
- *Policy 9605: Provision of Menstrual Products to Students*

The housekeeping changes to these policies are documented in the [May 17, 2023, agenda package](#). The approved policies are posted in the online [Policy Manual](#).

The board also received *Policy 10540: Financial or In-Kind Contributions* for information and continuation with the consultation process. *Policy 10540* is available for public input on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>.

### **Procedural Bylaw – Trustee Access to Information**

The board adopted *Procedural Bylaw – Trustee Access to Information*, which provides guidelines to trustees on accessing information that enables them to fulfill their under the School Act.

### **Superintendent’s Update**

In the superintendent’s update, Superintendent Dhillon provided an update on a significant enhancement to the school district’s partnership with Simon Fraser University’s (SFU) Professional Development Program (PDP). For the 2023/24 school year, the school district will be providing dedicated space at Westview Secondary school for a PDP module. In the fall semester, this space will host 32 PDP student teachers and two SFU faculty members for in-person coursework as a part of the PDP 405 practicum. The district also expects to have additional 405 practicum students placed in its schools from SFU’s Burnaby and Surrey campuses in the fall. This enhancement to the district’s partnership with SFU is particularly significant within the current context of regional and national teacher shortages.

### **Environmental Sustainability Update**

The board received the Environmental Sustainability Update and 2022 Climate Change Accountability Report for information. 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. Notable projects that were completed in 2022 included Webster’s Corners Elementary boiler upgrade, fleet decarbonization plan, HVAC optimization implementation, as well as student and staff conservation campaigns.

The full 2022 Climate Change Accountability Report is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/energy-environmental-sustainability/>

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on June 21, 2023.**