



Board Meeting Highlights September 20, 2023

Board Chairperson Yamamoto opened the meeting with a statement affirming the district's dedication to creating an inclusive culture of care and belonging, where the well-being, diversity, and success of all learners is supported and celebrated. Chairperson Yamamoto noted that discrimination, harassment, or any form of hate based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other characteristic has no place in our schools or in our communities.

Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report

Superintendent Dhillon, Deputy Superintendent Schwarz and assistant superintendents Bikic, Cober, Scarcella and Vandergugten presented the *Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning* report to the board. The report consists of three sections – Intellectual Development, Human and Social Development, and Career Development – and provides both currently available data and analysis of this data. The full report, which the board approved for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, is available on the the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2023-09-22-SD42-Framework-for-Enhancing-Student-Learning.pdf>.

2022/23 Audited Financial Statements

The board approved the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2023. The audited financial statements and the supplemental Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis report are available online at <http://www.sd42.ca/financial-information/>.

2024/25 Minor Capital Plan

The board approved the 2024/25 Minor Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The projects included in the plan have been determined in accordance with the methodology defined in the school district Strategic Facilities Plan and are categorized under four programs: School Enhancement Program, Carbon Neutral Capital Program, Playground Equipment Program and Food Infrastructure Program. The 2024/25 Minor Capital Plan submissions can be viewed in the [September 20, 2023, public agenda package](#).

Board Meeting Schedule Change

The board approved a change to the Board of Education regular board meeting schedule for 2023/24, moving April 10 and April 24 meetings to April 17 and May 1, 2024, respectively, to ensure sufficient time for public consultation following the Ministry of Education and Child Care's operating grant announcement.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon updated the board on school start-up, opening with an expression of gratitude to custodial, grounds, and facilities staff for work completed over the summer break, and to all staff for their dedicated and skillful work in preparing district schools and the system as a whole for a safe return of students. Superintendent Dhillon shared photos from schools and also acknowledged the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Summer Learning Update

Assistant Superintendent Ken Cober provided the board with an update on Summer Learning 2023, which was offered at Katzie Health Centre, Golden Ears Elementary School, and Thomas Haney Secondary School (THSS). At the Katzie Health Centre, the program for elementary-aged students involved activities emphasizing hands-on literacy and numeracy skills, integrating, wherever possible, traditional teachings such as weaving, song and outdoor physical activities. For secondary students, the emphasis was on

leadership, community connections, outdoor physical activities, and cultural enrichment. In the meantime, Golden Ears Elementary hosted 441 students from grades 1-7, while THSS hosted the secondary transitions program for 106 students in grade 7, the summer learning program for 71 students in grades 8-9, and summer learning courses for 512 students in grades 10-12. THSS also provided summer learning opportunity for Train in Trades Program students.

Equity Action Plan Implementation Review Report 2022/23

Principal of Aboriginal Education Kirsten Urdahl-Serr and Vice Principal of Aboriginal Education Kathleen Anderson presented to the board on the *Equity Action Plan Implementation Review* for 2022/23. The report includes an overview of actions implemented, lessons learned, successful practices, and plans for moving forward/next steps. The report has been posted to the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/Equity-Action-Plan-Implementation-Review-Report-2022-23.pdf>

Accessibility Plan

The board received for information the Accessibility Plan, developed by staff in collaboration with the Accessibility Advisory Committee. The plan, which will allow the district to continue working towards its vision by addressing the diverse needs of students and staff, is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/accessibility/>.

Secretary Treasurer's Update

Secretary Treasurer Richard Rennie provided an update on facilities projects, noting that the district completed consultation on the seismic replacement of Pitt Meadows Secondary School (PMSS) and the seismic replacement and expansion of Eric Langton Elementary (ELE). Consultation summaries for both projects are available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/strategic-facilities-plan/>. Secretary Treasurer Rennie noted that the district is planning to complete its business case for PMSS by October 2023, and that it is on track to begin construction of the seismic replacement and expansion of ELE in January 2024, and to complete construction of the new school facility by December 2026.

Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan for 2023/24

The goal of the Board Policy Development Committee is to review all existing board policies within the four years ending 2025/26. The board received for information the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan for 2023/24, which is available for review in the [September 20, 2023, public meeting agenda package](#).

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on October 18, 2023.