



Board Meeting Highlights November 15, 2023

Board Chairperson Report

Board Chairperson Yamamoto presented the annual Board Chairperson Report 2022/23 on behalf of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Board of Education. The full presentation is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education>.

Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Re-elected

Trustee Elaine Yamamoto was re-elected chairperson of the board and trustee Kim Dumore was re-elected vice-chairperson of the board. Both positions are for a one-year period.

Policy Review Update

The board approved proposed housekeeping changes to the following policies:

- *Policy 3901: Maintenance of Order in Schools*
- *Policy 4435: Scholarships, Bursaries and Student Awards*
- *Policy 9601: Anaphylaxis*
- *Policy 9610: Health Care Needs*

The board also approved *Policy 7110: Whistleblower Protection*, which had been revised to ensure compliance with *The Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA)* that goes into effect for school districts on December 1, 2023.

The updated policies are available on the district website in the Policy Manual: <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policy-manual>.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Dhillon spoke to the board about a new dual credit post-secondary partnership program in Early Childhood Education (ECE). Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District is partnering with Ridge Meadows College to run this program, in which students earn 8 high school credits and 5 post-secondary credits, with tuition funded by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. Students who complete the program can obtain their ECE Assistant Certificate and begin work in the field. An information session for students and families is scheduled for 6:30 pm, November 21 at Ridge Meadows College (room 1028).

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