



Board Meeting Highlights December 6, 2023

Trustee Yamamoto opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Presentation: Child Care

Nicole Marshall, manager of child care, presented to the board on child care programs in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District. The school district has a total of 22 licensed child care programs operating at school sites, yielding 527 licensed child care spaces that serve students from infant to age 12. All programs are operated by third party organizations, and all child care operators participate in the government’s Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, providing services to those receiving the Affordable Child Care Benefit.

Presentation: Alternate Programs

Steve Wiebe, principal of alternate education and trades and partnerships, presented to the board on SD42 Alternative Secondary, which consists of three unique student-centered programs – Connex, Reconnex, and Connecting. The programs seek to build a culture and climate of care and belonging by, among other things, low student/staff ratios, trauma informed practice, positive behaviour support, adaptive technology, and life after secondary school transition plans. Principal Wiebe also unveiled the District Alternative Secondary new logo, which had been designed by current and former Connex students and captures the core values of the program.

First Quarter Financial Statements

The board approved financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2023. The financial statements are available in the December 6, 2023, public agenda package at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2023-12-06-Public-Agenda-Package.pdf> - page=13

2023/24 Amended Budget Changes for the Facilities Department

The board approved budget changes totalling \$152,500 for the facilities department for inclusion in the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget. The changes consist of a one-time increase to budget for heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contracted services, salaries and benefits for 1 FTE ongoing maintenance coordinator position starting January 2024, and maintenance coordinator supplies.

Budget Process

The board approved the following 2024/25 Preliminary Budget Process timeline:

Wednesday, December 6, 2023	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of the Proposed Budget Process/Timeline
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of projected enrolments for 2024/25, 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Board approval of the 2023/24 Amended Annual Budget
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	Budget Committee of the Whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the 2024/25 preliminary budget estimates to partner groups and preliminary feedback from partner groups on budget priorities
Tuesday, April 2, 2024	Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the 2024/25 preliminary budget estimates and consultation on budget priorities
Wednesday, April 3, 2024	Budget Committee of the Whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner groups individual presentations to the Board of the 2024/25 budget considerations
Wednesday, April 17, 2024	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Proposed 2024/25 Preliminary Budget
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	Aboriginal Education Advisory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on the Proposed 2024/25 Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Budget Committee of the Whole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and partner group input on the Proposed 2024/25 Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	Board Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 2024/25 Budget Balancing Proposals and Adoption of 2024/25 Preliminary Budget

Committee Appointments

The board received for information committee appointments ending November 2024. The list of board representatives for 2023/24 can be found on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/trustees/>.

Superintendent's Update

In the superintendent's update, Superintendent Dhillon shared with the board a video documenting the positive impact of the SD42 international education program on a host family and the international student they had hosted. This video and the accompanying story is also available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/district-highlight/international-homestay-graduation/>.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6 pm on January 17, 2024.