



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 (6:00 PM)
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan

Superintendent – Harry Dhillon
Secretary Treasurer – Richard Rennie
Deputy Superintendent – Cheryl Schwarz
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Iris Mo
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop
Executive Coordinator – Rebecca Lyle

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

1. Territory Acknowledgement

The Chairperson acknowledged that this meeting is taking place on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation. The Chairperson welcomed and recognized all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and families in our schools and community. The Chairperson welcomed and recognized the many different cultures that are represented in our schools and community.

2. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the Public Board meeting to order at 6:03 p.m., welcomed and thanked everyone for attending, and advised that this meeting is being broadcasted live through the SD42 YouTube channel and on the school district website.

3. Electronic Board Meeting Procedures

4. Correspondence

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

The Chairperson advised that members of the public were able to provide input on decision items on the Agenda by emailing board@sd42.ca by no later than 5:30 pm on January 17, 2024.

No public input was received.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the December 6, 2023, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. French Immersion Program

The French Immersion Program Principal and Coordinator, Jennifer Simon and helping teachers Sandra Turbide and Pooja Pabari, presented on the French Immersion program and reported that recent federal funding for the program through the Ministry of Education and Child Care enabled the district to focus on further supporting the program, emphasizing on program growth, student and staff growth and retention, and the increase of cultural and authentic language experiences for students and educators.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the French Immersion Program.

CARRIED

2. Early Learning Programs

Early Learning helping teacher, Melanie Scarcella, and the District Principal of Learning Services, Sue Dhillon, presented an overview of the Early Learning program and shared that the program's vision centers on fostering a collaborative, community-driven early learning environment and aims to provide a space that supports diverse and playful experiences, in line with the Early Learning Framework.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on Early Learning Programs.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

1. 2024 BC Summer Games

Trustee Campbell declared a conflict of interest on this topic in relation to his role on the Maple Ridge 2024 BC Summer Games Board of Directors.

The President of the 2024 BC Summer Games, Laura Butler, and City of Maple Ridge staff lead, Christina Balatti, presented on this year's summer games scheduled to take place in Maple Ridge from July 18 to 21, 2024.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the 2024 BC Summer Games.

CARRIED

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
 - c) Facilities Planning
 - d) Board Policy Development
 - e) Education
 - f) Aboriginal Education

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent reported on the continued increase in English Language Learners in the school district and shared a district highlights video of Harry Hooge Elementary school students celebrating Diwali.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Update, for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on three major capital projects: Eric Langton Elementary seismic replacement and expansion, Pitt Meadows Secondary seismic replacement project definition report, and Harry Hooge Elementary expansion and seismic upgrade project definition report. The Secretary Treasurer further reported on the school district's snow and ice control plan.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's Update, for information.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports
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H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Trustee Motion: Legislative Framework for Voting Student Trustees

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2024 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"THAT BCSTA endorse and encourage Boards of Education to integrate non-voting Student Trustees on Boards of Education to enhance district-level decision-making processes;

AND FURTHER;

THAT BCSTA advocate for the amendment of the School Act by the Province of British Columbia, granting school districts the discretion to establish Student Trustee positions, including an election process and full voting rights."

CARRIED

2. Non-Voting Student Delegates at BCSTA AGM Meetings

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2024 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"That BCSTA develop a process for the inclusion of non-voting student delegates at BCSTA Annual General Meetings, and that a report on progress be provided by the 2025 Annual General Meeting."

CARRIED

3. Funding for StrongStart BC Programs

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2024 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"THAT BCSTA urge the Minister of Education and Child Care to address the critical funding shortfalls experienced by School Districts in operating StrongStart BC centres by fully funding the StrongStart programs."

CARRIED

4. Student Governance Review

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to review the current district student governance model and explore the feasibility of implementing a Student Trustee in time for the 2026/27 School Year.

CARRIED

5. Special Funding for Adult Graduation Programs at Correctional Centres

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2024 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"THAT BCSTA request the Minister of Education and Child Care and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to provide an update on the funding model review to examine the funding and resources required to support vulnerable learners in our correctional centres with life-altering educational opportunities."

CARRIED

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

English Language Learners Consortium

Trustee Yamamoto reported on the increased numbers of newcomer students to lower mainland school districts.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was received and answered on the following topic:

- Editing of CUPE's questions submitted to the Board

K. OTHER BUSINESS

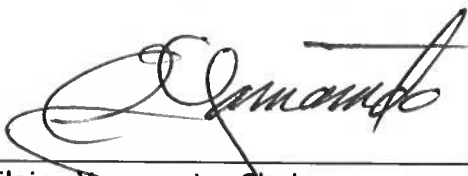
L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard, Secretary Treasurer