



Board Meeting Highlights
March 6, 2024

Presentation: International Education Program

International Education Manager Gabriel Lloyd presented on the international education program in the district. The priorities of the program are an outstanding educational experience, international recognition, positive economic impact, and an authentic Canadian experience. During the 2023/24 school year, the program had 804 registered students – 60 full time equivalent (FTE) in elementary and 485.6 FTE in secondary – and a total of 56 graduates from 16 countries. In all, the district hosted students from 29 different countries. The many benefits of the international education program include the stimulation of linguistic diversity and multiculturalism, positive impacts on the local and provincial economies, and an enrichment of classrooms with perspectives from across the globe.

Board/Authority Authorized Course

The board approved Board Authority/Authorized Course *Inspiring Minds 10*, effective the beginning of the 2024/25 school year.

Non-Resident Fees for 2024/25 and 2025/26

The board approved the following 10-month academic program fees for non-resident students for 2025/26 as captured in the table below.

10 Month Academic Fee Description	2025/26 Fees
Application	\$200
Annual Tuition - Elementary	\$16,000
Annual Tuition – Secondary	\$15,500
Annual Homestay Administration	\$350
Annual Homestay – Elementary	\$14,000
Annual Homestay – Secondary	\$12,000
Custodianship (annual)	\$250
Annual Medical Insurance	\$1,200
Secondary Student Orientation	\$150
Soccer Academy (or \$550 per semester)	\$1,000
Basketball Academy (or \$550 per semester)	\$1,000
International Baccalaureate (per year for 2 years)	\$1,500
One-Year Graduation	\$2,000
Special Diet Requests	\$200
Validations	\$200
Summer Medical Insurance – Summer Learning	\$120
Summer Medical Insurance – MSP Extending Students	\$240
Refund Processing	\$200
Deferrals and/or Cancellations	\$200
Airport Fee for Program Start and End	<i>included</i>

The board also approved international education program registration refund and a deferral and/or cancelation fees of \$200 for 2024/25, as well as the following course fees (for continuing education, online learning, and summer learning) for non-resident students for 2025/26: \$750 for elementary and \$1,200 for secondary.

2022-2026 Operational Plan Updates

The board approved operational plan updates for Board of Education, Education, Business Division, Human Resources, and Information Technology. Operational plans are developed to align with the district’s mission, vision, and values, and are guided by the district’s strategic directions. The updated plans are available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/strategic-plan/>.

Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2024/25

The board approved the following regular public board meeting schedule for the 2024/25 school year:

2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR	
September 18, 2024	March 5, 2025
October 16, 2024	April 16, 2025
November 13, 2024	April 30, 2025
December 4, 2024	May 14, 2025
January 15, 2025	June 18, 2025
February 12, 2025	

Personal Professional Development for Trustees

The board approved an increase in the annual personal professional development (PD) allocation for trustees from \$600 to \$800, effective July 1, 2024. This change represents an annual budget increase of \$1,400 for the 7 trustees. The decision comes in response to the significant rise in the cost of PD and related travel expenses, as well as the lack of adjustments to PD allocations since 2014 despite a 29% increase in the consumer price index during that time.

Facilities Rental Fee Rates for 2024/25

The board approved facilities rental rates for 2024/25. Rental rates based on the cost recovery model are set to rise by 9.6%, from 9.40 to 10.30 cents per square meter per hour with two exceptions: the NPO Preferred rate for small gyms in elementary schools will remain at the 2023/24 level of \$35.25 per hour, and the licensed childcare rate will be set at 9.68 cents per square meter per hour for 2024/25. The approved 2024/25 rental rates have been posted to the Facilities Rentals page on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/facility-rentals/>.

Superintendent’s Update

In the superintendent’s update, Superintendent Teresa Downs presented to the board on her transition to the school district, speaking about the wonderful culture and climate of the schools she has visited, events she has attended including the 25 year employee recognition celebration, her engagement with partner groups and representatives of Indigenous peoples, and her engagement with staff.

Trustee Remuneration for 2024/25

On May 18, 2022, the board approved an annual adjustment of trustee remuneration for the period 2022 to 2026 effective July 1 each year, based on Metro Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI) differential for the year prior. The board received trustees’ remuneration for 2024/25 (which includes a CPI Vancouver 2023 adjustment of 4.3%) for information. Total trustee remuneration for 2024/25 is as follows: trustees \$32,150; vice-chairperson \$33,650; chairperson \$35,150.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on April 17, 2024.