



Board Meeting Highlights May 1, 2024

2024/25 Preliminary Budget Changes and Annual Budget Bylaw

Chairperson Yamamoto thanked members of the school district community and staff for participating in the budget process and providing feedback, while Secretary Treasurer Rennie presented a summary of feedback received, highlighting changes made based on community input. Amendments include the reinstatement of the eighth StrongStart program, the increase in the additional hours for the grounds staffing bank from 600 to 800, as well as a number of clarifying revisions. All changes are captured in the [Public Engagement Summary](#) document in the “How the Feedback Was Used” section. The board then adopted the 2024/25 Annual Budget Bylaw.

The board-approved preliminary budget is available online at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/budget-process/2024-budget-process/>.

Third Quarter Financial Statements

The board approved financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2024. The Third Quarter Financial Statements are available for review in the May 1, 2024, agenda package at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/May-1-2024-Public-Agenda-Package.pdf>.

Policy Review Updates

The board approved *Policy 2919: Trustee Code of Conduct* following a public consultation process. The revised policy is now available in the [policy manual](#) on the district website. *Policy 6600: Name of School District Facilities* was referred back to the Board Policy Review Committee for further revision before it is considered by the board.

The board also received a draft of *Policy 5780: Appropriate Use of Information Technology and Communication Systems* for information and continuation with the consultation process. The revised policy includes language from the Ministerial Order on cellphone use in schools. Consultation with staff, students, and families on expectations around cellphone use will occur at school level. The draft policy can be reviewed online at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>.

Superintendent’s Update

In the Superintendent’s Update, Deputy Superintendent Schwarz provided an update on the Student and Family Affordability Fund in relation to the \$673,000 grant for spending in the current school year that was recently announced by the ministry. Following a consultation process, the district developed a list of areas to which these funds can be directed, including graduation fees, school supplies, course fees, field trips and year-end activities, sports fees, tools/kits for trades, personal care items or clothing.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on May 15, 2024.