



**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, September 18, 2024 (6:00 PM)
Boardroom, District Education Office**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Katie Sullivan

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

ABSENT:

Trustee – Mike Murray

GUESTS:

David Vandergugten, Assistant Superintendent
Yas Mann, District Helping Teacher
Louie Giroto, Director of Facilities
Ken Cober, Assistant Superintendent

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 6:00pm.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

3. Correspondence

- Letter from Board of Education to MP, Marc Dalton (National Food Program)
- Letter from Minister R. Singh to Board Chair (PMSS Replacement Approval)
- Letter from Minister R. Singh to School Staff and Trustees
- Letter from Minister R. Singh to Students, Parents, & Caregivers
- Letter from Minister R. Singh to Board Chair (Trustee Codes of Conduct)

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. 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 5:30pm on September 18, 2024.

No Public Input was received.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the June 19, 2024, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Inquiry Program

District Helping Teacher, Yas Mann, and Assistant Superintendent David Vandergugten provided the Board with a detailed overview of the district's Inquiry Program, an inquiry driven teaching approach that encourages grade 6/7 students to explore their curiosities through guided and increasingly independent investigation of complex questions for which there is no single answer. They outlined the program's key objectives, how it has enhanced student learning and engagement across the district, and the district's future plans for the program.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the presentation on the Inquiry Program, for information.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

D. DEFERRED ITEMS

E. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report

The Superintendent presented the Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report. The Superintendent explained that the report is organized into three sections: Intellectual Development, Human and Social Development, and Career Development and contains currently available data and analysis of that data.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the September 2024 Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) 2023/24 Audited Financial Statements

The Secretary Treasurer presented the Financial Statements Discussion and Analysis Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. In accordance with the School Act, Boards of Education must prepare financial statements with respect to the preceding fiscal year and forward a copy to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by September 30, 2024, together with the auditor's report.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Audited Financial Statements of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) for the year ended June 30, 2024.

CARRIED

b) Capital Plan 2025/26 for Minor Capital Programs

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the submission deadline for the 2025/26 Minor Capital Programs is September 30, 2024 and that the projects included in the plan have been determined in accordance with the methodology defined in the school district Strategic Facilities Plan.

The Director of Facilities reported on the following: School Enhancement Program, Carbon Neutral Capital Program, Playground Equipment Program, Food Infrastructure Program, and the Child Care Minor Program.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Minor Capital Program projects for 2025/26 for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance

i. Finance Committee of the Whole Terms of Reference and Discontinuation of Budget Committee of the Whole

The Secretary Treasurer shared the Committee's recommendation to discontinue the Budget Committee of the Whole and transfer its responsibilities to the Finance Committee of the Whole with a revised Terms of Reference.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board discontinues the Budget Committee of the Whole and transfers its responsibilities to the Finance Committee of the Whole.

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Board approves the revised Finance Committee of the Whole Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

- c) Facilities Planning

d) Board Policy Development

i. Policies for Approval

The Secretary Treasurer shared the Committee's recommendation to approve policies 4110: Revenue Generation, 4910: Financial Reporting and Administration of School Generated Funds, and 5310: Disposal of Surplus of Assets following the public consultation process that resulted in an update to policy 5310 from what was presented at the June 19, 2024 public board meeting.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following updated policies:

- 4100: Revenue Generation
- 4910: Financial Reporting and Administration of School Generated Funds
- 5310: Disposal of Surplus Assets

CARRIED

5. Indigenous Education Council

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Chairperson's Update

The Chairperson gave a welcome to the new school year, acknowledged the upcoming September 30, 2024 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, shared a recent funding approval for the Pitt Meadows Secondary seismic replacement project, and expressed gratitude for the work of staff, community volunteers, and local businesses on the BC Summer Games hosted in the community in July.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIEDb) Updated Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups

The Chairperson reported that on August 13, 2024, the City of Pitt Meadows requested a recommendation for a trustee representative to serve on the City of Pitt Meadows Community Service Awards Task Force Committee and further reported that Trustee Hudson Campbell was appointed as the Trustee Representative for this Committee.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the updated list of Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups for the period ending November 2024.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent provided an update on the following topics:

- June board meeting follow-up
- Cell phones in classrooms
- Relief teachers
- School startup overview

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) Summer Learning Update

Assistant Superintendent, Ken Cober, provided the board with an update on Summer Learning 2024 which was offered in three sites within the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows communities during the month of July.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Summer Learning Update, for information.

CARRIED

c) 2023/24 Annual Report – Whistleblower Protection Policy

The Superintendent reported that, for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, there were no disclosures received, investigations undertaken or findings of wrongdoing under this policy.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Whistleblower Protection Policy Annual Report for 2023/24, for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Secretary Treasurer's Update

The Secretary Treasurer update the board on the following topics:

- Progress update on Eric Langton Elementary replacement and expansion project
- Funding update on Pitt Meadows Secondary replacement project
- Today's provincial funding announcement for prefabricated additions at Golden Ears Elementary and Blue Mountain Elementary

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance

- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development

- i. Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2024/25

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board Policy Development Committee has met and developed a work plan for the 2024/25 school year.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Board Policy Development Committee Work Plan 2024/25 for information.

CARRIED

5. Indigenous Education Council

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- a) Naloxone Training in SD42

The board considered a trustee motion regarding the development of a naloxone training policy for the district. Motions in this section are indented to account for amendments.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board of Education direct the Board Policy Development Committee to develop a policy on naloxone training in schools. Further that the policy be approved by the Board of Education by January 2025.

That the policy includes the following principles:

- (1) all students receive comprehensive naloxone training before entering Grade 10. The training will include recognizing the signs of an opioid overdose, administering naloxone, and calling for emergency assistance;
- (2) there is barrier-free access to naloxone in all schools;
- (3) that first aid training for staff includes naloxone training.

Discussion ensued and a motion was made to amend the motion as follows:

Moved/Seconded

THAT the first sentence of the motion be replaced with "THAT the Board of Education direct staff to seek legal advice on developing a policy for naloxone training in schools for staff and students and bring the legal advice to the October 16 public board meeting."

DEFEATED

After further debate, the original motion was defeated, and a new motion was made as follows:

Moved/Seconded

That the Board of Education direct staff to seek legal advice on Item 15 in the September 18, 2024, public agenda package and bring it forward to the October 16, 2024, public board meeting.

CARRIED

H. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Ridge Meadows Community Action Team

Trustee Dumore reported that a presentation from Métis Nation BC was shared at the meeting, and the committee will be holding an event, Behind the Storm, on November 17, 2024.

District Parent Advisory Council

No additional comments shared.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were received regarding child care spaces plans in Maple Ridge, Eric Langton Elementary replacement project progress, the universal food program for students, and staffing for the Building Safer Communities program.

J. OTHER BUSINESS

K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer