



Chairperson Yamamoto opened the meeting with an acknowledgment of the passing of Justice Murray Sinclair and former Premier John Horgan, both of whom have made significant contributions to the advancement of Truth and Reconciliation.

Board Chairperson Report 2023/24

Board Chairperson Yamamoto presented the annual Board Chairperson Report 2023/24 on behalf of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Board of Education. The full presentation is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education>.

Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Re-elected

Trustee Elaine Yamamoto was re-elected chairperson of the board and trustee Kim Dumore was re-elected vice-chairperson of the board. Both positions are for a one-year period.

Presentation: Trades Programs

Brad Dinger, the District Partnerships and Trades Programs Coordinator, and Steve Wiebe, the Principal of Alternate Education and Trades and Partnerships, presented to the board on the Skilled Trades Partnership programs in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District. The district offers seven programs across ten trades cohorts in partnership with post-secondary institutions. Enrolled students must achieve a minimum average of 70% to receive certification.

For the 2024/25 school year, the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows school district ranks second in the province for the highest number of trades training seats, surpassed only by Surrey Schools, which serves a significantly larger student population of 81,000. Current program offerings include Residential Electrician, Hairdressing, Metal Fabrication, Plumbing/Fitting, Automotive Technician, Culinary Arts, and Residential Construction. More information about the district's Skilled Trades Partnerships programs can be found at <https://apprenticeship.sd42.ca/>.

Board of Education Annual Work Plan

The board approved the revised Board of Education Annual Work Plan, which outlines at a high level the various activities of the board and the anticipated timing of those activities. The board activities captured in the plan include decision and information items, as well as engagement and advocacy activities that occur outside of board meetings. The annual work plan is available on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/>.

BCSTA Survey: Non-Voting Student Delegates at BCSTA Annual General Meetings

The board authorized Board Chairperson Yamamoto to work with Trustee Liosis to complete, based on feedback collected from the board, the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) survey on *Non-Voting Student Delegates at BCSTA's Annual General Meeting*, and to submit the completed survey to the BCSTA on the board's behalf.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Downs spoke to the board about the school district's focus on literacy and its commitment to examining more closely and acting upon the data referenced in the [2023/24 Supporting All Learners](#) report, particularly as it relates to instances where students are not yet meeting expectations.

Policy Updates and Report

The board received for information and continuation of the consultation process updates to the following policies:

- *Policy 9510: Flags of Canada and British Columbia*
- *Policy 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings*
- *Policy 8220: School Day* – Proposed for retirement in favour of relying directly on existing legislation in the School Act and district calendars for governance

The board welcomes public input on these draft policies, which are available for review on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>.

Trustee Motion

The board approved and endorsed a joint advocacy letter to the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, with school districts 73 and 67, calling for a review and restructuring of the funding model for the BC Summer and Winter Games.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on December 4, 2024.