
IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Trustee – Katie Sullivan
Trustee – Mike Murray

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 – Pascale Shaw

GUESTS:

Dana Sirsiris, Director, Human Resources
Amanda Reber, Manager, Health, Safety, and Wellness

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

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 January 15, 2025.

No public input was received.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the December 4, 2024, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Certificate of Recognition for Occupational Health and Safety

The Manager of Health, Safety and Wellness, and the Director of Human Resources presented on the Certificate of Recognition awarded to the school district by WorkSafeBC for occupational health and safety.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the Certificate of Recognition for Occupational Health and Safety.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

D. DEFERRED ITEMS

E. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) School Growth Plans

The Superintendent shared the school growth plans with the Board and reported that school growth plan goals relate to six themes: equity, literacy, social emotional learning (school culture and climate), numeracy, assessment and reporting, and secondary innovation.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the school growth plans and direct the Superintendent to make the school growth plans available to parents and guardians of students attending each school in the school district.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Eric Langton Elementary School Utility Right of Way Bylaw 2025

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board's approval of the right of way is required to grant BC Hydro and TELUS a statutory right of way on the Eric Langton school property, which is necessary for the continuation of critical infrastructure work needed for the school's redevelopment.

Moved/Seconded

1. THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Eric Langton Elementary School Utility Right of Way Bylaw 2025 be given all three (3) readings at this one meeting.
(vote must be unanimous)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved/Seconded

2. THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Eric Langton Elementary School Utility Right of Way Bylaw 2025 be given first reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

3. THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Eric Langton Elementary School Utility Right of Way Bylaw 2025 be given a second reading.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

4. THAT the School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows) Eric Langton Elementary School Utility Right of Way Bylaw 2025 be given a third reading, passed and adopted on this 15th day of January, 2025.

CARRIED

b) Policies for Approval

The Secretary Treasurer reported that no feedback was received during the consultation process of policies 9430 Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings, 9510 Flags of Canada and British Columbia and proposal to retire policy 8220 School Day; however, the Committee further revised the philosophy statement in policy 9510.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following updated policies:

- 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings
- 9510: Flags of Canada and British Columbia

AND FURTHER;

THAT the Board retire the following policy:

- 8220: School Day

CARRIED

4. Board Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Facilities Planning
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Education Advisory
- e) Indigenous Education Community Gathering
- f) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Chairperson's Update

The Chairperson provided an update on the Board's role in advocacy, highlighting three priority areas identified by the BC School Trustees Association: staff recruitment, capital and deferred maintenance funding, and inclusive education to support student success.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups

The Chairperson presented an updated list of trustee appointments to committees and community liaison groups to reflect the recent restructuring of the City of Maple Ridge's advisory committees.

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 2025.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent shared a video on the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer Dual Credit Program.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) Opioid Education and Response Implementation Report

The Superintendent shared the Opioid Education and Response Implementation Report with the Board, which outlines plans for the implementation of opioid education and response strategies across the district.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Opioid Education and Response Implementation Report for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Policies for Consultation

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board Policy Development Committee met, reviewed, and is proposing updates to the following bylaw and policies: Bylaw: Board of Education Appeal Policy and Procedures, 4204 Accumulated Surplus, 6530 Environmental Sustainability. The Committee also reviewed and is proposing updates to the following new policies: 3550 Enterprise Risk Management, 9550 Process for Raising Concerns.

Discussion ensued to refer policy 3550 Enterprise Risk Management back to the Board Policy Development Committee.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the following items for information and continuation of the consultation process:

- Policy 4204: Accumulated Surplus
- Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability
- Policy 9550: Process for Raising Concerns
- Bylaw: Board of Education Appeal Policy and Procedures

AND FURTHER THAT Policy 3550: Enterprise Risk Management be referred back to the Board Policy Development Committee.

CARRIED

Input from education partners and the public is now invited on the bylaw and policies received for continuation of the consultation process. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before the policies are presented to the Board for approval.

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Facilities Planning
- c) Board Policy Development
- d) Education Advisory
- e) Indigenous Education Community Gathering
- f) Accessibility Advisory

i. Receiving Minutes of Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on December 5, 2024, for information.

CARRIED

5. Indigenous Education Council

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Trustee Motion: Supporting Families with Equal Parenting Custodial Arrangements in MyEd BC

Moved/Seconded

"THAT the BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to allow MyEd BC to represent multiple primary physical addresses for students to better reflect diverse family circumstances and support schools in staying neutral in matters of custodial arrangements."

CARRIED

Discussion ensued to rescind the previous motion and replace it with a new one.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board rescind the previous motion just passed on January 15, 2025 regarding MyEd BC representing multiple primary physical addresses for students.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2025 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"THAT the BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to allow MyEd BC to represent multiple primary physical addresses for students to better reflect diverse family circumstances and support schools in staying neutral in matters of custodial arrangements."

CARRIED

2. Trustee Motion: Student Voice Working Group

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2025 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"THAT the BCSTA establish an ad-hoc working group to conduct an environmental scan of best practices for incorporating Student Voice in board governance across all school districts and develop resources to support boards of education in building capacity within their student voice structures."

CARRIED

3. Trustee Motion: Post-Secondary Transition Rates

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to the 2025 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"THAT the BCSTA requests the Ministry of Education and Child Care to revise the Post-Secondary Institute Transition Rate criteria to include students enrolled in BC public school district "Train in Trades" programs and students transitioning to private training institutions or post-secondary institutions outside of British Columbia."

CARRIED

H. TRUSTEE REPORTS

I. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received.

J. OTHER BUSINESS


K. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson

Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer