

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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 6:01pm.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

3. Correspondence

- Letter from Min. Beare to Board Chairs (Cybersecurity Threats)
- Letter from Min. Beare & Min. Ma to Board Chairs (Establishment of Ministry of Infrastructure)
- Letter to Min. Herbert (BC Summer and Winter Games)

Discussion ensued.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the board chairperson write a letter to Minister Beare requesting clarification on the resources and training provided to school districts to maintain an appropriate security posture to ensure a safe digital learning environment.

CARRIED

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 February 12, 2025.

No public input was received.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the January 15, 2025, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Afterschool Programming

The Program Manager of Community Connections and Healthy Living, Hannah MacDonald, and Assistant Superintendent, David Vandergugten, presented to the Board on after-school programming and shared the goals of the program, the current offerings, and further shared that the programs and services offered in the district support the four key community school threads: community development, lifelong learning, social and emotional learning, and health and wellness.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on Afterschool Programming.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Maple Ridge Montessori Society

The Montessori Society President, Dawn Beavon, presented to the Board on the five main areas of the Montessori Program, hosted at Hammond Elementary School, and shared the enrolment numbers of the program within the School District.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the Maple Ridge Montessori Society.

CARRIED

D. DEFERRED ITEMS

E. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Non-Resident Student Fees for 2026/27

Assistant Superintendent, Ken Cober, presented the non-resident student fees for the district's international education program for 2026/27 with a summary of market analysis done on 2025/26 non-resident fees charged by neighbouring school districts, and proposed fees for 2026/27 in comparison to approved 2025/26 fees.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following 10-month academic program fees for non-resident students for 2026/27:

10 Month Academic Fee Description	2026/27 Proposed Fees
Application	\$ 200
Annual Tuition - Elementary	\$ 16,200
Annual Tuition - Secondary	\$ 15,700
Annual Homestay Administration	\$ 350
Annual Homestay - Secondary	\$ 12,000
Annual Homestay - Elementary	\$ 14,000
Custodianship (annual)	\$ 250
Annual Medical Insurance	\$ 1,300
Secondary Student Orientation	\$ 150
Soccer Academy (\$550 per semester)	\$ 1,000
Basketball Academy (\$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	\$ 500
Airport fee for Program Start and End	included

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approve the following Continuing Education, Online Learning, and Summer Learning course fees for non-resident students for 2026/27.

2026/27 Fees per Course	
Secondary	\$1,300
Elementary	\$800

CARRIED

b) 2022-2026 Operational Plan Updates

The Superintendent of Schools and the Secretary Treasurer presented a high-level overview of the operational plan updates and highlights on the progress completed up to January 31, 2025 and noted that the operational plans are aligned with the strategic priorities set by the Board through the strategic plan.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Operational Plan Updates for the Board of Education, Education, Business Division, Human Resources Department, and Information Technology Department.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committee Reports

- a) Finance

- i. Appointment of Financial Statement Auditor

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee of the Whole is recommending that the Board appoint KPMG as financial statement auditors for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board appoint KPMG LLP as auditors for the Board for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, 2026 and 2027, and direct the Secretary Treasurer to promptly notify the auditor and the Minister of Education and Child Care of the appointment.

CARRIED

- b) Facilities Planning
 - c) Board Policy Development
 - d) Education Advisory

- i. Board/Authority Authorized Courses

The Superintendent reported that the Ministry of Education and Child Care mandated, effective July 2, 2019, that all grade 10, 11 and 12 Board Authority/Authorized courses align with revised Ministry requirements and be documented using the Ministry of Education and Child Care's "BC Graduation Program Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Form".

Moved/Seconded

1. THAT the Board approve Board Authority/Authorized Course: Black Studies 12.
2. THAT the Board approve Board Authority/Authorized Course: Volleyball Athletic Development 11.

CARRIED

- 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 January 23, 2025 BCSTA Fraser Valley Branch meeting and also shared that Trustee Liosis was elected as branch president.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

- a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent provided an update on 2023/24 completion data.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) Framework For Enhancing Student Learning: Report Feedback

The Superintendent shared the feedback received for the school district's September 2024 Supporting All Learners: Enhancing Student Learning Report and discussed next steps.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report Feedback.

CARRIED

c) Annual Review: Continuing Education & Ridge Meadows College

The Principal of Riverside Centre, Tricia McCuaig, and Vice Principal of Riverside Centre and English Language Learning, Diane Wadden, presented on continuing education. The Manager of Programs and Operations for Ridge Meadows College, Will Carne, then provided an update on new initiatives and program developments.

Moved/Seconded

1. THAT the Board receive the update on the Continuing Education program for information.
2. THAT the Board receive the update on Ridge Meadows College for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Enrolment Projections for 2025/26 to 2028/29

The Secretary Treasurer reported the enrolment projections for 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28, and 2028/29. K-12 enrolment is projected to increase by 94 FTE in 2025/26, 261 FTE in 2026/27, 161 FTE in 2027/28, and 173 FTE in 2028/29.

The enrolment projections for 2025/26 to 2027/28 will be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC) and will form the basis of preliminary operating grants to be announced by the Ministry of Education and Child Care by March 15, 2025.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Enrolment Projections for 2025/26 to 2028/29 for information.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Finance
- b) Facilities Planning
- c) Board Policy Development

i. Policy for Consultation

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board Policy Development Committee met, reviewed, and is proposing updates to the following policy outlined in the agenda package: Policy 5400: Student Transportation Provided by the Board. Input from education partners and the public is invited from February 13 to noon on April 3, 2025. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before the proposed policy is presented to the Board for approval on April 16, 2025.

Moved/Seconded

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

- 5400: Student Transportation Provided by the Board

CARRIED

d) Education Advisory

i. Receiving Minutes of Meeting

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Education Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on January 22, 2025, for information.

CARRIED

- e) Indigenous Education Community Gathering
- f) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

1. Trustee Motion: Student Voice

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board:

- Repeal the January 15, 2025 motion regarding Student Voice Working Group; and
- Approve the following motion for submission to the 2025 B.C. School Trustees Association Annual General Meeting:

"THAT the BCSTA 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

2. Trustee Motion: Substance Education Curriculum

Moved/Seconded

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

"BE IT RESOLVED:

- *That the BCSTA advocate to the MECC (Ministry of Education and Child Care) for a revision to the Substance Education curriculum, ensuring that it addresses the ongoing opioid crisis with a focus on harm reduction, substance use prevention, and mental health support and that a review be conducted to assess whether this education should remain solely within Physical and Health Education or be integrated across multiple areas of learning;*

- *And further that the BCSTA advocate to the MECC (Ministry of Education and Child Care) for sufficient funding to support the timely and effective implementation of this revised curriculum, ensuring that it reflects current public health realities and equips students with the knowledge and resources necessary to navigate the challenges of substance use."*

CARRIED

H. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association: Comprehensive Healthy Schools Working Group

Trustee Dumore reported on the December 19, 2024 meeting and highlighted the recently released One Province, One Plan Report.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Murray referred to the written memo for highlights on the January 20, 2025 meeting and the Foundation's 2023/24 annual report on the SD42 Fund under its administration.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Ridge Meadows Education Foundation's 2023/24 annual report on earnings, expenses, and distributions of the SD42 Fund, for information.

CARRIED

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Dumore reported on the January 23, 2025 meeting and shared how nice it was to have representatives from MRTA, CUPE, AND CPF at the meeting.

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 8:44pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson

Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer