

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 (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
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Iris Mo
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop
Executive Coordinator – Rebecca Lyle

ABSENT:

Trustee – Mike Murray Deputy Superintendent – Cheryl Schwarz

GUESTS:

Hélène Marcoux, Manager, Malcolm Knapp Research Forest Nicole McKenzie, Principal, ci:tməx^w Environmental Community

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 and opened the meeting by acknowledging National Indigenous Peoples Day and reaffirming the District's commitment to Indigenous education and guidance from Elders and staff. The Chair also recognized Pride Month, celebrating the diversity and resilience of LGBTQ+ communities.

3. Correspondence

- 2025-05-05 Letter to Board of Directors from VSO re: Proposed Cuts to Music Programs in Surrey and Burnaby
- 2025-05-15 Letter from Minister Beare to Board Chair re: Cybersecurity
- 2025-05-21 Letter from Board Chair to Ministers, MLA's, Premier re: Urgent Need for Site Acquisition in Silver Valley
- 2025-05-29 Letter from Board Chair to Minister Beare re: Need for a More Reliable & Equitable Funding Model
- 2025-06-11 Letter from City of Maple Ridge to Minister Beare re School Site Advocacy

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

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 June 18, 2025.

Public input was received regarding the planning and coordination of future consultation opportunities related to the Strategic Facilities Plan. The Strategic Facilities Plan is referenced within the <u>Five-Year Capital Plan for 2026/27.</u>

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the May 14, 2025, Public Board Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

B. DELEGATIONS

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Malcolm Knapp Research Forest and ci:tməxw Environmental Community

Hélène Marcoux and Nicole McKenzie presented the board with an update on the partnership between the Malcolm Knapp Research Forest and ci:tməx^w Environmental Community (formerly known as Environmental School).

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on Malcolm Knapp Research Forest and ci:tməx^w Environmental Community.

CARRIED

D. DEFERRED ITEMS

E. DECISION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
 - a) Provincial Budget 2026 Consultation Opportunity

The Board Chairperson presented a draft written submission to the Board, outlining key advocacy themes discussed at the recent Finance Committee of the Whole meeting in response to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services' invitation for public input.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board authorize the Chairperson to finalize the letter and submit it to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services by June 20, 2025.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Strategic Plan Update

The Superintendent presented stakeholder feedback on proposed Strategic Plan updates, including the removal of numeric ranking to reflect equal emphasis across priority areas.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the recommended changes to the strategic plan.

CARRIED

b) Student Governance

The Superintendent provided an overview of student governance models from other jurisdictions and shared recommendations for potential implementation within the district.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board direct staff to create a Terms of Reference for a Student Advisory Committee and bring it forward to the September public meeting for consideration.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Five-Year Capital Plan for 2026/27 - Major Capital Projects

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Infrastructure 2026/27 Capital Plan Instructions identify that the deadline for the 2026/27 major capital programs submissions is June 30, 2025 and the deadline for the 2026/27 minor capital programs submission is September 30, 2025. Projects on the following programs were presented: Seismic Mitigation Program; School Expansion Program; School Replacement Program; Rural Districts Program; and the Child Care Program.

An amendment was made to the plan included in the agenda package to remove Mt. Crescent Elementary from the Seismic Mitigation Program, as the Secretary Treasurer clarified that it was not intended to be included in that program for this year. Following this amendment, the total value of proposed major capital projects in the five-year capital plan for 2026/27 is \$505 million.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Major Capital Program projects for the Five-Year Capital Plan 2026/27 for submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure, as amended.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

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

i. Policies for Approval

The Secretary Treasurer Reported on updates to proposed new policy 3550 Enterprise Risk Management following the January 15, 2025 public board meeting and subsequent development work by the Board Policy Development Committee.

The Secretary Treasurer further reported that no feedback was received to the following policies during the consultation process: 2400 Board Meeting Proceedings, 2915 Board Chairperson, Elections, Role, and Responsibilities, 2918 Vice-Chairperson, Elections, Role, and Responsibilities, and 7100 Employee Standards of Conduct; which also included the retirement of the following policies, pending approval of policy 7100: 7213 Conflict of Interest – District Staff, 7220 Dangerous Weapons.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following updated policies:

- 2400: Board Meeting Proceedings
- 2915: Board Chairperson, Elections, Role, and Responsibilities
- 2918: Vice-Chairperson, Elections, Role, and Responsibilities

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approve the following new policies:

- 3550: Enterprise Risk Management
- 7100: Employee Standards of Conduct

AND FURTHER THAT the Board approve the retirement of the following policies:

- 7213: Conflict of Interest District Staff
- 7220: Dangerous Weapons

CARRIED

- d) Education Advisory
- e) Indigenous Education Community Gathering
- f) Accessibility Advisory
- 5. Indigenous Education Council

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Board Engagement with Secondary Students

The Superintendent presented summaries of student engagement meetings held between the Board and students from Samuel Robertson Technical and Maple Ridge Secondary schools.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the summaries from the Board engagement with secondary students for information.

CARRIED

b) District Financial Allocation to DPAC

The Superintendent shared the background on the approved allocation of funding to support Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) for DPAC organized activities for PACs and parents under the condition that DPAC submits an annual report to the Board in June on how these funds have been spent along with a request to the Superintendent for continued funding.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the District Parent Advisory Council's funding report for 2024/25 and proposed spending plan for 2025/26, for information.

CARRIED

c) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent presented an update on the 2024/25 school year in review.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

- 1. Secretary Treasurer
 - a) Board and Committees Meeting Calendar for 2025/26

The Secretary Treasurer presented a calendar for 2025/26, outlining scheduled public and closed board meetings, committee meetings, and workshops; subject to change as circumstances require.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Board and Committees Meeting Calendar for 2025/26, for information. **CARRIED**

- 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

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Accessibility Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on June 5, 2025, for information.

CARRIED

5. Indigenous Education Council

G. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

H. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

No further comments were presented concerning the June 2, 2025 meeting.

City of Maple Ridge Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee

No further comments were presented concerning the June 5, 2025 meeting.

Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility & Inclusiveness

Trustee Dumore reported that the May 14, 2025 meeting was her first with the committee, during which they reviewed the terms of reference and discussed upcoming awards.

District Parent Advisory Council

No further comments were presented concerning the May 22, 2025 meeting.

I. QUESTION PERIOD

A question was received regarding the future plans for the Alouette River Campus property.

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