

Presentation: Secondary Schedule Engagement

Assistant Superintendent Ken Cober provided an overview of the year-long secondary schedule consultation process, outlining how the district conducted a criteria-based consultation that gathered input from students, staff, and families from each secondary school and two alternate programs. He described the structure and timeline of the engagement, the composition and role of the district working group, and the criteria used to guide the development of school-by-school recommendations. The *What We Heard* summary report, which provides a detailed overview of the consultation process and participation, is available at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/What-We-Heard-Secondary-Schedule-Public-Engagement-Summary.pdf>.

The next step in the process is for the superintendent to review the working group's recommendations and determine the schedule model for each school. Any changes would be implemented for the 2026/27 school year.

Delegation: Maple Ridge Community Foundation

Representatives from the Maple Ridge Community Foundation presented to the board on the foundation's work. The mission of the foundation is to enhance the quality of life for all residents by funding local initiatives, from food security and youth programming to education and scholarships that help students reach their full potential. Its goals are to provide essential nourishment through meal and snack programs delivered by trusted community members, open doors to opportunity by supporting scholarship and youth-focused initiatives that help students reach their potential, and build long-term sustainability through community-driven giving that keeps resources local and strengthens organizations doing the work. Learn more about the Maple Ridge Community Foundation at <https://mrcf.ca>.

School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

The board approved the Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The full report is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/financial-information>.

Board Policy Development Committee

The board approved updated procedure 2915.1 *Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson*, and received for information and continuation of the consultation process draft updates to the following policies:

- *Policy 5705: Surveillance*
- *Policy 9705: Student Records*
- *Policy 9925: Non-District Sponsored Activities Including Students.*

The draft policies have been posted to the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>.

Indigenous Education Council – Terms of Reference

The board approved the Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Education Council and the appointment of members, including representatives from Katzie First Nation, Kwantlen First Nation, Golden Ears Metis Society, and Fraser River Indigenous Society. The establishment of Indigenous Education Councils was introduced under Bill 40, the School Amendment Act, 2023, to strengthen relationships and processes between First Nations and school districts with the aim of improving educational outcomes for Indigenous students.

Trustee Motion

The board approved the following motion introduced during the meeting:

THAT Trustee Campbell be directed to write a letter, on behalf of the Board, to the Attorney General of British Columbia, advocating for the designation of a portion of the provincial tobacco litigation settlement funds to support school-based prevention, education, and cessation initiatives targeting youth nicotine use.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Downs provided the board with a verbal update on a new accessibility feature added to the district website, which improves online accessibility by offering tools such as text enlargement, contrast adjustments, and screen reader support, and helps ensure the site meets current web accessibility standards.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on November 12, 2025.