

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Katie Sullivan

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 – Gabriel Liosis

GUESTS:

Ken Cober, Assistant Superintendent
Susan Kenney, Secretary, Maple Ridge Community Foundation
Angela Dundas, Vice-President, Maple Ridge Community Foundation
Jacquie Montgomery, Executive Assistant/Donor Relations, Maple Ridge Community Foundation
Amy Pridday, Marketing Coordinator/Donor Relations, Maple Ridge Community Foundation

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.

3. Correspondence

- 2025-09-17 Email from Parent re: GSS Bus Service to Board Chair
- 2025-09-19 Email Response from Board Chair to Parent re: GSS Bus Service
- 2025-09-26 Letter from Board Chair to Minister Beare re: National School Food Program and Funding Allocation Inequities for Supporting Priority Student Populations

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be amended to add a decision item under Section D6 for a trustee motion on advocacy related to the recent tobacco litigation settlement.

CARRIED**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

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 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

No public input was received.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the September 17, 2025, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

B. PRESENTATIONS

1. Secondary Schedule Engagement

Assistant Superintendent, Ken Cober, presented an overview of the district's year-long consultation on secondary school schedules. Input was gathered from students, staff and families, from each secondary school and two alternate programs, and a summary report has been posted to the district's website. Next steps include the Superintendent reviewing the working group's recommendations to determine the schedule model for each school for implementation in 2026/27.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Secondary Schedule Engagement, for information.

CARRIED

C. DELEGATIONS

1. Maple Ridge Community Foundation

Representatives from the Maple Ridge Community Foundation presented to the Board, highlighting the foundations, mission, goals, and ongoing initiatives. During the presentation, a Foundation representative presented two cheques to the Board Chairperson as financial contributions to the school district:

- Trevor Connor Memorial Scholarship & Bursary Fund: \$20,100
- Elementary School Hot Lunch Program: \$9,000

The Board Chairperson then handed the cheques to the Secretary Treasurer for processing.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Delegation from Maple Ridge Community Foundation, for information.

CARRIED**D. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Statement of Financial Information for 2024/25

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the year ended June 30, 2025.

The report is prepared annually in accordance with the Financial Information Act. Included in the report are a schedule of remuneration and expenses that lists total remuneration and total expenses paid to each trustee, and to employees with remuneration exceeding \$75,000, and a schedule of suppliers of goods and services that lists total payments to each supplier exceeding \$25,000.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees
 - a) Finance
 - b) Facilities Planning
 - c) Board Policy Development

i. Board Procedure for Approval

The Secretary Treasurer shared the Committee's recommendation to approve updates to procedure 2915.1 Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, ensuring alignment with recently approved policies 2915: Board Chairperson Election, Role, and Responsibilities and 2918: Vice Chairperson Election, Role, and Responsibilities.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the updated procedure:

- 2915.1 Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

CARRIED

- d) Education Advisory
- e) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

a) Indigenous Education Council – Terms of Reference

The Superintendent provided background on Bill 40, also known as the School Amendment Act, 2023, which was approved and received Royal Assent on November 8, 2023.

The Deputy Superintendent presented the Indigenous Education Council's Terms of Reference for the school district, submitted for approval.

Moved/Seconded

(1) THAT the Board approve the Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Education Council.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded

(2) THAT the Board approve the following appointments to the Indigenous Education Council:

- four members (three members, plus an Elder) from Katzie First Nation,
- three members (two members, plus an Elder) from Kwantlen First Nation,
- one member from Golden Ears Metis Society, and
- one member from Fraser River Indigenous Society.

CARRIED

6. Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions

Trustee Campbell introduced a motion relating to the Province's recent tobacco litigation settlement.

Moved/Seconded

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.

CARRIED

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent presented an update on the following topic:

- District Website's Improved Accessibility

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Committee Business

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

i. Policies for Consultation

The Superintendent reported that the Board Policy Development Committee met, reviewed, and is proposing updates to the following policies outlined in the agenda package: Policy 5705: Surveillance, Policy 9705: Student Records, and proposal to retire Policy 9925: Non-District

Sponsored Activities Including Students. Input from education partners and the public is invited from October 23 to December 19, 2025.

Moved/Seconded

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

- Draft updates to policy 5705: Surveillance
- Draft updates to policy 9705: Student Records
- Proposal to retire policy 9925: Non-District Sponsored Activities Including Students

CARRIED

- d) Education Advisory
- e) Accessibility Advisory

- 5. Indigenous Education Council
- 6. Trustee Reports

City of Maple Ridge Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility Committee

Trustee Dumore highlighted the Calming Space pilot, designed to support individuals needing a low-stimulation environment, at a recent community event, referencing discussions from the September 18, 2025 committee meeting. Feedback will help enhance future events.

Maple Ridge Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee

Trustee Murray highlighted the City's Recreation Fee Subsidy Program and the new approach to streamline approvals and improve access, referencing discussions from the October 2, 2025 committee meeting.

F. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received.

G. OTHER BUSINESS

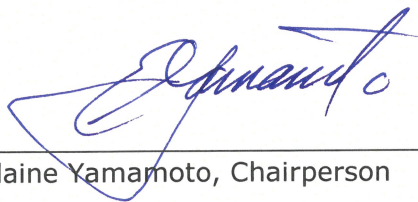
H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer