

### **Board Chairperson Report for 2024/25**

Board Chairperson Yamamoto presented the Annual Report of the Chairperson for 2024/25 on behalf of the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows Board of Education. The full presentation is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2024-2025-Board-Chairperson-Annual-Report.pdf>.

### **Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson Election**

Trustee Elaine Yamamoto was re-elected chairperson of the board and trustee Kim Dumore was re-elected vice-chairperson of the board. Both positions are for a one-year period.

### **Presentation: Food Security**

Jeannie Harnett, program manager, community connections and healthy living/food security provided an update on the district's food security initiatives. She noted that 33 percent of students in the district access food programs, which include elementary and secondary breakfast programs, elementary lunch programs supported by the Salvation Army, and universal lunch programs offered twice weekly at nine schools. All schools also provide premium lunch programs for identified students. At the secondary level, supports include cafeteria cards, free meals, community fridges stocked with fresh items, and access through cafeterias, canteens, and support spaces. Schools additionally offer universal snacks through initiatives such as snack baskets, wellness carts, food carts, and snack stations.

### **Board of Education Annual Work Plan**

The board approved the proposed Board of Education Annual Work Plan, which outlines at a high level the various activities of the board and the anticipated timing of those activities. The board activities captured in the plan include decision and information items, as well as engagement and advocacy activities that occur outside of board meetings. The annual board work plan is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/>.

### **Non-Resident: One-Year Graduation Fee**

The board approved the removal of the \$2,000 one-year graduation fee for non-resident students beginning in 2026/27, as streamlined district processes now allow students to graduate within regular course loads, and neighbouring districts do not charge this fee, placing the district at a competitive disadvantage amid recent immigration policy changes.

### **Board Policy Development Committee**

The board received draft updates to the following policies for information and continuation with the consultation process:

- *Policy 2900: Trustee Professional Development and Attendance at Conferences*
- *Policy 2925: Provision of Resources for Trustees*
- *Policy 4203: Financial Planning and Reporting*
- *Policy 8901: Field Trips (Including Extra Curricular Activities)*
- *Policy 9611: Child Protection*

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

The board also approved the following new and updated policies following a public consultation process:

- *Policy 9400: Emergency Preparedness* (new)
- *Policy 9405: Unexpected Health Emergencies at Schools* (new)
- *Policy 10820: Political Activities* (updated)

The approved policies are available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policy-manual/>.

### **Trustee Motion**

The board approved the following motion to establish an Ad hoc Advocacy Committee:

*THAT the Board request the Chair to establish an ad hoc advocacy committee of the whole to develop and implement a strategy to advocate for a more equitable allocation of CommunityLINK funding, the Equity of Opportunity Supplement, and National School Food Program funding from the Ministry of Education and Child Care.*

### **Late French Immersion Transition**

The board received for information the transition plan for the Late French Immersion program, which will move from Golden Ears Elementary to Eric Langton Elementary beginning in 2026/27. The phased transition will minimize disruption for current students while establishing Eric Langton as the new permanent site by 2027/28. The move will alleviate enrolment pressures at Golden Ears, support continued program growth, and enhance collaboration within a larger French Immersion community.

### **Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Downs provided the board a verbal update on the four-point Provincial Proficiency Scale, which is used to communicate student learning in all areas of learning and is a requirement for student reporting in grades K to 9. The four points on the scale are emerging, developing, proficient, and extending.

**The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on December 3, 2025.**