

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:

Jeannie Harnett, Program Manager, Community Connections and Healthy Living/Food Security

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.

B. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS

1. Annual Report of the Chairperson

Chairperson Yamamoto presented the Annual Report of the Chairperson, reporting on the Board's key strategic initiatives for 2024/25.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Annual Report of the Chairperson for information.

CARRIED

2. Nomination and Election of Board Officers

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson following the approved nomination and election procedure.

CARRIED

The Secretary Treasurer facilitated the nomination and election process for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. A seconder was not required for nominations.

Trustee Murray nominated Trustee Yamamoto.

There were no further nominations. The Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee Yamamoto if she accepted the nomination.

Trustee Yamamoto Accepted the nomination.

The Secretary Treasurer called for a second time for nominations for Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. The Secretary Treasurer called for a third and final time for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board. There were no other nominations.

It was then announced by acclamation that the **duly elected Chairperson** of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) for a one-year period ending October 2026 **is Trustee Yamamoto.**

The Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. A seconded was not required for nominations.

Trustee Campbell nominated Trustee Dumore.

There were no further nominations. The Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee Dumore if she accepted the nomination.

Trustee Dumore Accepted the nomination.

The Secretary Treasurer called for a second time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson for a one-year term. The Secretary Treasurer called for a third and final time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson for a one-year term. There were no other nominations.

It was then announced by acclamation that the **duly elected Vice-Chairperson** of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) for a one-year period ending October 2026 **is Trustee Dumore.**

The Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson thanked everyone.

C. OPENING PROCEDURES FOR ORDINARY BUSINESS MEETING MATTERS

1. Correspondence

- 2025-10-22 Letter from Board Chair to Minister Sharma re: Tobacco Litigation Settlement
- 2025-10-31 Letter from Min. Beare to Board Chair re: National School Food Program Funding Allocation

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. 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.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the October 22, 2025, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

D. PRESENTATIONS

1. Food Security

Program Manager, Jeannie Harnett, provided an update on the district's food security initiatives.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Food Security, for information.

CARRIED

E. DELEGATIONS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Board of Education Work Plan

The Secretary Treasurer presented the proposed annual work plan for the board, noting amendments that align with the approved board meeting schedule and the Board's Operational Plan. He outlined the specific changes and the rationale.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the proposed Board of Education Annual Work Plan for posting on the school district website.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Non-Resident: One-year Graduation Fee

The Superintendent reported that in 2024/25 the International Education Department, with Board approval, implemented a supplemental \$2,000 tuition fee for non-resident students enrolled in a one-year graduation program. Internal processes have since been streamlined to align with ministry policy, allowing students to meet graduation requirements within eight courses at their assigned school. The Superintendent further reported that federal immigration policy changes have affected recruitment for non-resident learners and also added that neighbouring districts do not charge this fee that impacts competitiveness.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the removal of the \$2,000 one-year graduation fee for non-resident fee paying students effective for the 2026/27 school year.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

4. Board Committees

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

i. Board Policies for Approval

The Superintendent reported that no feedback was received during the consultation period (September 18 to October 29, 2025) for two new policies: 9400 Emergency Preparedness and 9405 Unexpected Health Emergencies at Schools, as well as the updated policy 10820 Political Activities.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following new and updated policies:

- 9400: Emergency Preparedness
- 9405: Unexpected Health Emergencies at Schools
- 10820: Political Activities

CARRIED

- d) Education Advisory
- e) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

6. Trustee Motions and Notices of Motions

Trustee Murray presented a motion to request the Board Chair to establish an Ad hoc Advocacy Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding an amendment to substitute the word "Committee" with "Committee of the Whole."

Moved/Seconded

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.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Late French Immersion Transition

The Superintendent shared that Golden Ears Elementary has offered Late French Immersion since 2003, with 50 students currently enrolled in Grades 6 and 7 for the 2025/26 school year. It was further shared that beginning in 2026/27, the program will transition to the new Eric Langton Elementary to better support growth, collaboration, and resource efficiencies. The move will also alleviate enrolment pressures at Golden Ears and place students and staff within a larger French Immersion community. By 2027/28, the transition will be complete, and Eric Langton will serve as the permanent site for the district's Late French Immersion program.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Late French Immersion transition plan for information.

CARRIED

b) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent presented an update on the following topic:

- Proficiency Scales and Learning Progressions

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 and Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board Policy Development Committee met, reviewed, and is proposing updates to the following policies outlined in the agenda package: 2900 Trustee Professional Development and Attendance at Conferences, 2925 Provision of Resources for Trustees, 4203 Financial Planning and Reporting, 8901 Field Trips (Including Extra-Curricular Activities), and 9611 Child Protection. Input from education partners and the public is invited from November 13, 2025 to January 13, 2026.

Moved/Seconded

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

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

CARRIED

d) Education Advisory

i. Receiving Minutes of Meetings

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

e) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council
6. Trustee Reports

BCSTA Provincial Council

No further comments from Trustee Murray from the meeting held on October 24, 2025.

District Parent Advisory Council

No further comments from Trustee Murray from the meeting held on October 30, 2025.

City of Maple Ridge Engaged, Healthy Community Advisory Committee

Trustee Murray highlighted that the City's Recreation Fee Subsidy Program will be going forward to City Council for finalization, referenced from the November 6, 2025 committee meeting.

H. QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received.

I. OTHER BUSINESS

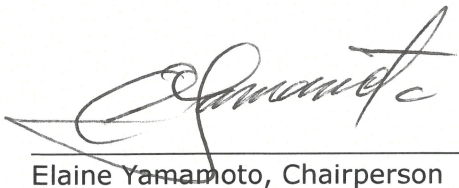
J. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer