

Presentation: Indigenous Student Voice

District Principal of Indigenous Education Kathleen Anderson presented to the board on the Indigenous Student Voice event held at the Malcolm Knapp Research Forest on April 30, 2026. Forty-five students from secondary schools across the district took part, sharing feedback on their experiences in education, including how the Indigenous story is portrayed at their school and in their Indigenous room, and what more schools can do to support Indigenous youth. Facilitated by author Nadine McSpadden, the day was structured around three themes: creating safe spaces, exploring identity through story, and sharing experiences in education or a sense of belonging.

School Fees Schedule and Specialty Academy Fees for 2026/27

The board approved the proposed fee schedule for the 2026/27 school year. Fees remain unchanged from 2025/26, with the exception of an \$86 increase to the Culinary Program and a \$1,019 reduction to the Hair Design program. These exceptions reflect fees for trades programs that are charged directly by the post-secondary institutions. The fee schedule is available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/school-fees/> and will also be posted to the respective school and program websites. A hardship program is available for students who qualify for financial assistance.

Ridge Meadows College Review

The board considered a recommendation for the phased discontinuation of the Ridge Meadows College (RMC) program following an independent annual review. The review raised significant questions about the program's sustainability, noting that additional staffing, facilities, and investment would be required to support its continued operation and growth, none of which are feasible within the current fiscal reality. Trustees noted that post-secondary programming falls outside the district's K-12 mandate and funding, and expressed concerns about continuing to direct K-12 resources toward the community's post-secondary needs. Trustees also noted that adult learners can continue to access graduation pathways through Continuing Education. While the motion to phase out the program did not pass, The board directed staff to explore operational changes to improve the program's viability and report back in January 2027.

Eligible School Sites Proposal and School Site Acquisition Bylaw

The board approved an eligible school sites proposal to be incorporated into the 2027/28 Capital Plan and submitted to the Ministry of Infrastructure. Based on information provided by local government, the board estimates there will be 6,747 new development units constructed in the district over the next ten years, home to approximately 1,014 school-age children. The board also expects the need for one new school site over the next ten years, requiring a total acquisition of 3.42 hectares (8.45 acres) of land, to be purchased within the next year. At current serviced land costs, the land is expected to cost approximately \$24.16 million. The full eligible school sites proposal is in the [May 13, 2026, public agenda package](#).

Pitt Meadows Secondary Replacement Joint Use Statutory Right of Way

The board approved the Pitt Meadows Secondary School Replacement Joint Use Statutory Right of Way Bylaw 2026. The bylaw enables the removal and replacement of the existing artificial turf field and authorizes updated agreements with the City of Pitt Meadows for shared use and access to the new field.

Third Quarter Financial Statements for 2025/26

The board approved the financial statements for the third quarter ended March 31, 2026. The third quarter financial statements are available for review in the [May 13, 2026, public agenda package](#).

Board Policy Development Committee

Following a public consultation process, the board approved the retirement of *Policy 9410 Safe, Caring and Healthy Schools*, *Policy 9420 Dangerous Weapons*, and *Procedure 2920.1 Trustees' Remuneration*, and also approved the following updated and new policies:

Updated:

- *Policy 2410 Board Correspondence*
- *Policy 2920 Trustee Remuneration*
- *Policy 4600 Procurement*
- *Policy 5780 Appropriate Use of Information Technology and Communication Systems*
- *Policy 7210 Workplace Discrimination or Bullying and Harassment*
- *Policy 9415 Inclusive Schools*
- *Policy 10310 Volunteers.*

New:

- *Policy 2303 Role of the Trustee*
- *Policy 9100 Student Code of Conduct*
- *Policy 10100 Parents, Guardians and Guests Code of Conduct*
- *Policy 10900 Corporate Sponsorship, Partnerships, and Advertising*

The board also received for information and continuation of the consultation process proposed policy updates to *Policy 7100 Employee Standards of Conduct*, *Policy 9550 Process for Raising Concerns*, and *Bylaw 3 Board Appeal Policy and Procedure*.

Ministry of Education and Child Care Response to CommunityLINK

The board received the Ministry of Education and Child Care's released records regarding CommunityLINK funding allocations for information, and passed the following two motions

Committee Motion:

THAT the Board receive the Ministry of Education and Child Care's released records regarding CommunityLINK funding allocations for information.

Trustee Motion:

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to follow up with the analyst assigned to the District's freedom of information request (ECC2026-60292) to request a further search for and disclosure of Ministry of Education and Child Care records relating to CommunityLINK funding allocations, noting that the single document provided in the response does not include other documents the District itself is aware of;

AND FURTHER THAT, should additional responsive records not be disclosed following this follow-up, staff initiate a complaint with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Trustee Motion: Funding Inquiry Response

The board passed the following motion, brought forward by Trustee Murray:

THAT the Board direct the board chair to forward a letter to MLA Lisa Beare requesting that her office provide the formula for the distribution of CommunityLINK funding referred to in her letter to local students completing research on this subject;

AND FURTHER THAT the letter request confirmation as to whether the Funding Equity Committee referenced in the same correspondence has endorsed that formula.

Engagement Summary: Pitt Meadows Secondary School Students

The board received a summary of feedback received at its February 4, 2026, engagement with Pitt Meadows Secondary students. The discussion topics at the February 4 session were budget priorities, district mission in action, and reflection and looking ahead.

Student Absence Notification

The board passed a motion to defer the Student Absence Notification report to the June 17, 2026, public meeting.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Downs provided a verbal update on Artificial Intelligence (AI): Our Year of Learning. Over the year, staff have taken part in both broad and focused professional learning, and the district has participated in the provincial AI consortium. Takeaways include that AI can improve efficiency and productivity but also brings uncertainty and fear; that strong safeguards, ongoing staff support, and ethical considerations are essential; and that human relationships remain foundational. Beginning 2026/27, the Microsoft Copilot will be the district's supported AI tool. It is Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act-compliant, not monetized, and available to all staff at no extra cost. Students in grades 9-12 will be eligible to use the student version of Copilot (age 13 and up) where the teacher supports this use.

The next Board of Education public meeting will be at 6:00 pm on June 17, 2026.