



**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Via Videoconference**

Wednesday, August 25, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.

*Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start.
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A G E N D A

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

ITEM 1

1. Call to Order
2. Electronic Board Meeting Procedures
3. Approval of Agenda

B. DECISION ITEM

1. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Amendment to 2021/22 School Calendars

ITEM 2

C. ADJOURNMENT

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Korleen Carreras

Re: **OPENING PROCEDURES**

Date: August 25, 2021
(Special Public Board Meeting)

Decision

1. CALL TO ORDER

We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the shared traditional and unceded territories of Katzie First Nation and Kwantlen First Nation. We welcome and recognize all of our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit students and families in our schools and community. We welcome and recognize the many different cultures that are represented in our schools and community.

2. ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES

For purposes of determining a quorum, at the start of an electronic meeting or during an electronic meeting, the Chairperson shall count as present any trustees who are connected to the meeting by electronic means.

In the absence of pre-circulated material, the Board Chairperson and Officers of the Board as required, shall brief the meeting regarding the matter, or matters before it and shall read the resolution requiring Board consideration and voting.

Voting shall occur by each Trustee identifying themselves and indicating their vote either for or against the resolution.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent
Harry Dhillon

Re: **AMENDMENT TO 2021/22
SCHOOL CALENDARS**

Date: August 25, 2021
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Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the Board of Education's public meeting held on June 16, 2021, the Board approved the amended district school calendar for the 2021/22 school year. The 2021/22 amended district school calendar and the 2021/22 calendar for Kanaka Creek Elementary include a School Growth Planning Non-Instructional Day on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

On August 3, 2021 the Provincial Government advised public sector employers to honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a holiday on Thursday, September 30, 2021. Additionally, the School Calendar Regulation was revised on August 12, 2021 to accommodate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation within school calendars (Attachment A).

The prescribed minimum hours of instruction that a board must offer to students enrolled in the schools in its school district in the 2021/2022 school year has been amended to:

- (a) 848 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten;
- (b) 873 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7;
- (c) 947 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12.

Amendments to a school calendar for the 2021/22 school year to include the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation are not subject to the requirement that such proposed amendments be made publicly available at least one month before making the amendments.

Accordingly, in alignment with School Calendar Regulation Section 6(5), it is recommended that district calendars for the 2021/22 school year be amended to include a holiday for staff and students (school closure) on Thursday, September 30, 2021 as set out in Attachments B and C. The hours of instruction set out in the recommended calendars meet the required hours of instruction for the 2021/22 school year as set out in Sections 3(2.1) and 3(3) of the calendar regulation.

In alignment with Section 6(3) of the regulation and as set out in Attachments B and C, it is further recommended that the School Growth Planning Non-Instructional Day previously set for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 be shifted to Friday, October 1, 2021. Not shifting the School Growth Planning Day as recommended would result in students attending school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the week of September 27, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the 2021/2022 District School Calendar and the 2021/2022 Kanaka Creek School Calendar be amended to include Thursday, September 30, 2021 as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

And Further;

THAT the 2021/2022 District School Calendar and the 2021/2022 Kanaka Creek School Calendar be amended to move the School Growth Planning Non-Instructional Day from Tuesday, September 28, 2021 to Friday, October 1, 2021.

Attachments

SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATION

Authority: *School Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412, ss. 87.01, 87.02 and 168.02

B.C. Reg. 314/12	Deposited November 8, 2012
Amended by B.C. Reg. 203/2015.....	Deposited November 4, 2015
Amended by B.C. Reg. 211/2016.....	Deposited August 3, 2016
Amended by B.C. Reg. 033/2018.....	Deposited February 1, 2018
Amended by B.C. Reg. 138/2019.....	Deposited April 17, 2019
Amended by B.C. Reg. 221/2021.....	Deposited August 12, 2021

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Application of Regulation

1 This regulation applies to the school calendar for the 2013/2014 school year and subsequent school years.

Definitions

2 In this regulation:

"Act" means the *School Act*;

"day of instruction" means, in respect of any school, a day in a school calendar year in which students receive instruction in an educational program;

"days in session" means, in respect of any school, the days in a school calendar year on which the principal, vice principals, directors of instruction and teachers of the school are scheduled to be available for instructional, non-instructional or administrative activities;

"non-instructional day" means, in respect of any school, a day in session in a school calendar year that is not a day of instruction;

"non-instructional period" means, in respect of any school, a period of time in a day in session in a school calendar year during which students do not receive instruction.

[am. BC Reg. 203/15, effective Nov 4/15]

Prescribed minimum hours of instruction

3 (1) Subject to subsection (3), the following are the prescribed minimum hours of instruction that a board must offer to students enrolled in the schools in its school district in each of the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 school years:

- (a) 848 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten;
- (b) 873 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7;
- (c) 947 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12.

(2) Subject to subsections (2.1) and (3), the following are the prescribed minimum hours of instruction that a board must offer to students enrolled in the schools in its school district in the 2019/2020 school year and subsequent school years:

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- (a) 853 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten;
- (b) 878 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7;
- (c) 952 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12.

(2.1) Subject to subsection (3), the following are the prescribed minimum hours of instruction that a board must offer to students enrolled in the schools in its school district in the 2021/2022 school year:

- (a) 848 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten;
- (b) 873 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7;
- (c) 947 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12.

(3) There are no prescribed minimum hours of instruction that a board must offer to students enrolled in a distributed learning school.

[en. BC Reg. 203/15, effective Nov 4/15; am. BC Reg. 033/18, effective Feb 1/18; am. BC Reg. 221/21, effective Aug 12, 2021]

Prescribed information in school calendars

4 (1) For the purposes of section 87.01(3) (b) [*school calendar*] of the Act, the following information is prescribed in respect of a school calendar for a school that is not a distributed learning school:

- (a) subject to subsection (3), the number and dates of the days in session;
- (b) subject to subsection (3), the number and dates of each day of instruction;
- (c) the vacation periods and the dates of statutory holidays;
- (d) the dates of each non-instructional day;
- (e) the number of hours of instruction offered to students in each grade.

(2) For the purposes of section 87.01(3) (b) of the Act, the following information is prescribed in respect of a school calendar for a distributed learning school:

- (a) the number and dates of the days in session;
- (b) the dates on which the principal, vice principals, directors of instruction and teachers of the school are available for instruction;
- (c) the vacation periods and the dates of statutory holidays.

(3) A board is not required to include in a school calendar the information described in subsection (1) (a) and (b) if the days are for optional or remedial learning activities scheduled during vacation periods.

Consultations

5 (1) For the purposes of section 87.01 (7) [*school calendar*] of the Act, a board must make publicly available a school calendar that it proposes to submit to the minister under section 87.01

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(5) or (6) of the Act at least one month before the date the school calendar must be submitted to the minister.

(2) The board must provide an opportunity to

- (a) the parents of the students enrolled in each school to which the proposed school calendar is to apply, and
- (b) representatives of employees of the board assigned to the school

to provide comments to the board with respect to the school calendar made publicly available under subsection (1).

(3) For certainty, subsections (1) and (2) do not apply in respect of a school calendar that has been amended based on comments previously provided under subsection (2).

Amending a school calendar

6 (1) For the purposes of section 87.02 [*school calendar – amendment*] of the Act, a board must make publicly available proposed amendments to a school calendar at least one month before making the amendments.

(2) A board must, as soon as practicable and, in any event, within 30 days of amending a school calendar under section 87.02 of the Act, provide the minister with the amended school calendar.

(3) Subsections (1) and (2) do not apply to a board that reschedules a non-instructional day previously scheduled in a school calendar if the board gives notice of the change to

- (a) the parents of the students enrolled in the school to which the proposed change is to apply, and
- (b) the representatives of employees of the board assigned to the school.

(4) *REPEALED. [B.C. Reg. 6/2018, s. 2.]*

(5) Subsection (1) does not apply to a board that amends a school calendar for the 2021/22 school year to include the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

[am. BC Reg. 203/15, effective Nov 4/15; am. BC Reg. 033/18, effective Feb 1/18; am. BC Reg. 221/21, effective Aug 12, 2021]

Form of school calendar

7 A board must use the school calendar forms published by the minister to

- (a) submit one or more school calendars to the minister under section 87.01 [*school calendar*] of the Act, and
- (b) provide an amended school calendar to the minister under section 6 (2) of this regulation.

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Designation of purpose for non-instructional days and periods

8 (1) A board must schedule the following in the 2018/2019 school year:

- (a) one or more non-instructional periods totalling 5 hours for the purpose of providing teachers with an opportunity to participate in discussions and activities that develop evidence-based approaches to the implementation of the curriculum documents listed in section 2 and Appendix 1 of the Educational Program Guide Order, M333/99, and
- (b) one non-instructional day for the purpose of providing teachers with an opportunity to participate in discussions and activities that, in the board's opinion, develop evidence-based approaches to one or more of the following:
 - (i) Indigenous education;
 - (ii) implementation of curriculum;
 - (iii) sexual orientation and gender identity;
 - (iv) student mental health.

(2) In each of the 2019/2020, 2020/21, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 school years, a board must schedule at least one non-instructional day for the purpose of providing teachers with an opportunity to participate in discussions and activities that focus on both of the following:

- (a) enhancing Indigenous student achievement;
- (b) integrating Indigenous world views and perspectives into learning environments.

(3) For certainty, the non-instructional periods referred to in subsection (1) (a) may be scheduled on different days.

(4) For certainty, nothing in subsection (1) or (2) prevents a board from providing an opportunity for parents of students attending schools in the district, other employees of the board and members of the community to participate in the non-instructional day or periods described in that subsection.

[en. BC Reg. 192/13, effective June 28/13; am. BC Reg. 80/14, effective July 1/14; am. BC Reg. 119/15, effective July 1/15; en. BC Reg. 203/15, effective Nov 4/15; am. BC Reg. 211/16, effective Aug 3/16; am. BC Reg. 033/18, effective Feb 1/18; am. BC Reg. 138/19, effective April 17/19]

PROPOSED AMENDED 2021-2022 DISTRICT SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Friday, October 1, 2021</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 22, 2021</i>
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Friday, November 12, 2021</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, December 17, 2021
Winter break	Monday, December 20, 2021 to Friday, December 31, 2021
Schools reopen after break	Monday, January 3, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Monday, January 24, 2022</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 22, 2022</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, March 11, 2022
<i>Schools not in Session</i>	<i>Monday, March 14, 2022 to Friday, March 18, 2022</i>
Spring break	Monday, March 21, 2022 to Friday, March 25, 2022
Schools reopen after break	Monday, March 28, 2022
Good Friday	Friday, April 15, 2022
Easter Monday	Monday, April 18, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 11, 2022</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
Last day for students	Thursday, June 23, 2022
Year-end administrative day	Friday, June 24, 2022
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Monday, June 27, 2022

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:25pm. 300 instructional minutes per day; 175 days of instruction. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

NB: *Kanaka Creek Elementary* will run its year-round calendar separate from this calendar.

SECONDARY (8-12) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:45pm. 325 instructional minutes per day, 175 days of instruction.

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per *School Act* and *Calendar Regulation*:

848 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten.

873 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7

947 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12

PROPOSED AMENDED 2021-2022 KANAKA CREEK SCHOOL CALENDAR

Schools opening day for students	Tuesday, September 7, 2021
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (School Growth Planning Day)</i>	<i>Friday, October 1, 2021</i>
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (province-wide)</i>	<i>Friday, October 22, 2021</i>
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Friday, November 12, 2021</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, December 3, 2021
Winter break	Monday, December 6, 2021 to Friday, December 31, 2021
New Year's Day	Monday, January 3, 2022
Schools reopen after break	Tuesday, January 4, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Monday, January 24, 2022</i>
Family Day	Monday, February 21, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (school-based)</i>	<i>Tuesday, February 22, 2022</i>
Schools close for break	Friday, April 1, 2022
Spring break	Monday, April 4, 2022 to Friday, April 29, 2022
Schools reopen after break	Monday, May 2, 2022
<i>Non-instructional day (district-based)</i>	<i>Wednesday, May 11, 2022</i>
Victoria Day	Monday, May 23, 2022
Canada Day	Friday, July 1, 2022
Last day for students	Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Year-end administrative day	Wednesday, July 27, 2022
Schools closed for Summer vacation	Thursday, July 28, 2022

ELEMENTARY (K-7) DAILY SCHEDULE: 8:30am to 2:20pm. 295 instructional minutes per day; 178 days of instruction. Kindergarten gradual entry the first 2 weeks of September.

Minimum number of hours of instruction that must be offered as per *School Act* and *Calendar Regulation*:

848 hours of instruction for students in kindergarten.

873 hours of instruction for students in grades 1 to 7

947 hours of instruction for students in grades 8 to 12