



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023 (6:00 PM)  
Board Room, DEO**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto  
Vice-Chairperson – Kim Dumore  
Trustee – Hudson Campbell  
Trustee – Mike Murray  
Trustee – Gabe Liosis  
Trustee – Pascale Shaw  
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan

**STAFF:**

Superintendent – Harry Dhillon  
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan  
Deputy Superintendent – Cheryl Schwarz  
Irena Pochop – Senior Manager, Communications  
Acting Executive Coordinator – Rebecca Lyle

**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 meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

3. Correspondence

4. Approval of Agenda

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

**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](mailto:board@sd42.ca) by no later than 5:30 pm on February 15, 2023.

- Input was provided by DPAC regarding Item 8 Non-Resident Fees

## **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the January 18, 2023, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **C. PRESENTATIONS**

### 1. After School Programming

#### **Moved/Seconded**

Program Manager, Craig Mitchell presented on after-school programming in the school district, noting that in the 2022/23 school year up to 1000 students will have the opportunity to participate in a district hosted after school program. Current programs offered include soccer, Schools Out, Kids Innovative (Coding), I Am Awesome, Shotokan Karate, a partnership with The ACT Arts Centre, as well as online workshop options.

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on After School Programming.

**CARRIED**

### 2. Student and Family Affordability Fund

#### **Moved/Seconded**

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer, the Deputy Superintendent, and the Program Manager Community Connections and Healthy Living, Food Security presented on the district Student and Family Affordability Fund budget allocations and use to date. Between November 2022 and February 2023, 56 applications were processed and \$248,210 in funding for food expenses was approved. The district has leveraged the funding to improve the quality, quantity, and diversity of existing options in schools, and to provide support to students and families.

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the Student and Family Affordability Fund.

**CARRIED**

## **D. DELEGATIONS**

## **E. DEFERRED ITEMS**

## **F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson

a) Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Schedule 2022/23 Amendment

**Moved/Seconded**

A change to the regular board meeting schedule for 2022/23 was recommended in order to facilitate the approval of the 2022/23 Amended Budget which will incorporate the late labour settlement funding announcement. The change proposed is to move the board and committee meetings scheduled for March 8, 2023 to March 1, 2023. This change also amends the Budget Process Timelines for the 2023/24 budget.

THAT the Board approve the amendment to the Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Schedule for 2022/23.

**CARRIED**

b) Letter of Support: Youth Safe House

**Moved/Seconded**

The board authorized the Chairperson to sign a letter of advocacy for the re-opening of the Youth Safe House in Maple Ridge.

THAT the Board authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the letter of advocacy for the re-opening of the Youth Safe House in Maple Ridge on behalf of the Board.

**CARRIED**

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) 2023/2024, 2024/2025, 2025/2026 Proposed School District Calendars

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent shared the proposed district school calendars for 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26. The calendars will be out for public consultation from February 16, 2023, until March 18, 2023. Feedback will be reviewed by senior team and the proposed calendars will be adjusted if required before being submitted to the Board of Education for approval at the April 12, 2023, public meeting.

THAT the Board of Education receive for information the attached proposed district school calendars and approve the calendars to be shared with the public in order to receive public feedback.

**CARRIED**

b) Non-Resident Fees

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent reported the proposed fee change for non-resident students for the 2024/25.

THAT the Board approve the following fees for the non-resident students for 2024/25:

	Application Fee	Annual Tuition	Homestay Administration Fee	Homestay Fee	Custodian Fee	Airport Fee	Medical Insurance	Other
<b>10 Month Academic</b>	\$200	\$15,350	\$350 (annual)	\$11,500	\$150	Included	\$1,200	Orientation Fee \$150

And Further;

THAT the Board approve the following for the soccer academy, basketball academy, continuing education, online learning and summer learning fees for non-resident students:

Course or Academy Fee	2023/2024	2024/25
Soccer Academy	\$800	\$1000
Basketball Academy	\$450	\$1000
Continuing Education	\$985	\$1100
Online Learning	\$985	\$1100
Summer Learning	\$985	\$1100

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Budget
  - b) Finance
    - i. Appointment of Auditor

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee of the Whole is recommending that the Board appoint KPMG as financial statements auditors for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

THAT the Board approve the appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors for the Board for each of the two fiscal years ending June 30, 2023 and 2024.

**CARRIED**

- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
  - a) Superintendent's Update

**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent presented on the 6-year completion rates for the 2021/22 school year. The 6-year completion rate for all students for 2021/22 is among the highest in the province at 96%.

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

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Enrolment Projections

**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported the enrolment projections for 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27. K-12 enrolment is projected to increase by 343 FTE in 2023/24, 226 FTE in 2024/25, 213 FTE in 2025/26, and 230 FTE in 2026/27.

These enrolment projections will form the basis of preliminary grants on March 15, 2023.

THAT the Board receive the Enrolment Projections for information.

**CARRIED**

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

- a) Budget
- b) Finance
- c) Facilities Planning
- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

**H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

1. Trustee Motion: Submission to BC School Trustees Association Equitable Funding

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to BCSTA:

"That BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for the implementation of an equitable distribution of CommunityLINK and Equity of Opportunity funding to all school districts in the province."

**CARRIED**

2. Trustee Motion: Submission to BC School Trustees Association Review of School Area Standards

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to BCSTA:

“That the BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care complete a review of the Area Standards for new school capital projects in collaboration with all education partner groups to ensure sufficient space is provided in schools to adequately address the diverse needs of students.”

Discussion ensued.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the motion be amended as follows:

“That the BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care complete a review of the Area Standards for new school capital projects in collaboration with all education partner groups to ensure sufficient space is provided in schools to adequately address the diverse and changing needs of students.”

Discussion on the amendment ensued.

**CARRIED**

Discussion on the amended motion ensued.

**CARRIED**

3. Trustee Motion: Submission to BC School Trustees Association Review and Streamlining of Provincial Reporting Requirements

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the following motion for submission to BCSTA:

“That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care initiate a review aimed at streamlining the Ministry’s reporting requirements of Boards of Education and implement the recommended reporting changes without delay. The review should be conducted in collaboration with education partners.”

**CARRIED**

**I. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BC School Trustees Association

Trustee Liosis highlighted that elections were conducted for the Fraser Valley branch and that Trustee Dumore’s motion on the Opioid Crisis was unanimously moved and adopted at the meeting.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Yamamoto reported that the Superintendent provided an update on the health concerns raised by staff at Alouette Elementary.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Murray highlighted the new bursaries in the community, specifically the Newcomer Bursary. The intent of the bursary is to support first or second-generation immigrant students or refugees with a \$1,000 award.

Social Policy Advisory

Trustee Liosis attended the first SPAC meeting and was elected as Chairperson for 2023. He also highlighted an SD42 student who presented the work of the CAS project (Creative, Action, Service) to assist homeless community in collecting hygiene products and distributing to the community.

Culture Collective Network

Trustee Dumore spoke to the exciting network of artists and people doing great work in the community. She also highlighted the new "Happenings Program" that will be taking place in the neighborhoods of Hammond, Albion and Haney to bring culture into the communities.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory

Trustee Murray reported they reviewed the final draft of the PRC Master Plan which will be completed and presented to council later in February.

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

Questions were received on the following:

- PAC consultation for Specialty Academies and Schedule of Fees
- Deepening Indigenous Education and Equity recommendations
- Aboriginal Education Department's Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee
- Preliminary Budget Process Timeline date change

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

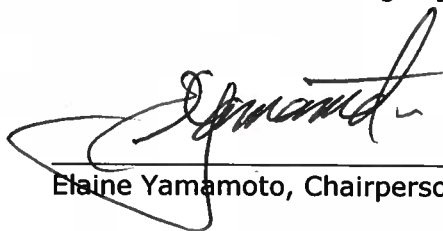
**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

  
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Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson

  
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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer