



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 (6:00 PM)  
Via Videoconference**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Chairperson – Korleen Carreras  
Vice-Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto  
Trustee – Kim Dumore  
Trustee – Mike Murray  
Trustee – Pascale Shaw  
Trustee – Kathleen Sullivan

**STAFF:**

Superintendent – Harry Dhillon  
Secretary Treasurer – Flavia Coughlan  
Deputy Superintendent – Shannon Derinzy  
Executive Coordinator – Karen Yoxall

**ABSENT:**

Trustee - Colette Trudeau

**A. OPENING PROCEDURES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. The Chairperson advised that this meeting is being broadcasted live through the SD42 YouTube channel and on the school district website.

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. Electronic Board Meeting Procedures

3. Correspondence

**Moved/Seconded**

- Honourable K Chen, Minister of State for Child Care
- S. Higginson, President, BC School Trustees Association

THAT the Board receive all correspondence, for information.

**CARRIED**

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 March 9, 2022.

Public Input was received on Item 6 – Trustee Motion: Healthy School Food Program.

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the February 23, 2022, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

**D. DELEGATIONS**

1. SWIS Program

**Moved/Seconded**

Ken Cober, Assistant Superintendent, Tricia McCuaig, Principal, Riverside Centre, Diane Wadden, Vice Principal, International Education and district settlement workers Anna Kim, Wessal Ali, and Shabnam Momtahn presented on the SWIS Program. SWIS workers assist parents/guardians and their children with first-year settlement needs, including initial support and outreach to all newcomers; orientation and information workshops on school, community and settlement topics; needs assessment and action planning through settlement counselling; and referral to appropriate school programs, community services, and government resources.

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the SWIS Program.

**CARRIED**

**E. DEFERRED ITEMS**

**F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Budget
  - b) Finance

## c) Facilities Planning

i. Strategic Facilities Plan**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent presented the Strategic Facilities Plan providing an overview of the revisions to the final recommendations in the areas of future education considerations, capital plan priorities for existing facilities, and capital plan priorities for new facilities. The final recommendations and updated language in the Strategic Facilities Plan reflect the feedback received during the public consultation process.

THAT the Board approve the Strategic Facilities Plan and authorize the Superintendent and the Secretary Treasurer to implement the recommendations included in the plan.

**CARRIED**

- d) Board Policy Development
- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1. Chairperson
- 2. Superintendent

a) Superintendent's Update**Moved/Seconded**

The Superintendent thanked all staff for their dedication, resilience and hard work to ensure that schools remained open during the recent omicron wave and provided an update on school events and activities.

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

**CARRIED**

- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 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: Healthy School Food Program

**Moved/Seconded**

The Chairperson spoke to the public input received from the District Parent Advisory Council who support the proposed motion and to the advocacy work of the Board regarding a universal food program.

THAT the Board endorse the efforts of the Coalition for Healthy School Food to advocate for a universal, Provincially and Federally fully funded, healthy school food program. This support is based on a shared belief that all children and youth in BC should have daily access to healthy food at school.

**CARRIED**

**I. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Yamamoto advised that the City of Maple Ridge presented the Strategic Transportation Plan at the recent meeting.

Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council

Trustee Sullivan reported that the Executive Committees are now established and that the school district secondary show "Lift" will run from April 23 – June 11, 2022.

English Language Learners Consortium

Trustee Yamamoto reported that discussion ensued regarding supports for newcomer students and on the definition of "ordinarily resident".

Good News

Trustee Sullivan spoke to the new BC graduation requirement that incorporates Indigenous-focused coursework expected to take effect in the 2023/24 school year. Trustee Dumore spoke about the March 29, 2022, online Parents Night Out event on how to navigate difficult conversations about mental health and substance use, noted that the Kiwanis Club of Golden Ears is offering a new annual Youth Empowerment Grant for youth aged 12-24 and spoke about her attendance at a basketball game between Thomas Haney and Samuel Robertson secondary schools. Trustee Yamamoto attended an online ceremony organized by Aboriginal support worker Yvonne Desabrais, and spoke about the March 21, 2022, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination event at Memorial Peace Park. Trustee Murray noted that Assistant Superintendent Vandergugten and Assistant Secretary Treasurer Schulte had been appointed to the Ridge Meadows Educational Foundation board, and also acknowledged International Women's Day. Trustee Carreras spoke about her work on the BCSTA Elections Committee in anticipation of the October 2022 local elections.

**J. QUESTION PERIOD**

- Shortages of noon hour supervisors
- In person public board meetings

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**


**L. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

  
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Korleen Carreras, Chairperson

  
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Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer