

Wednesday, November 17, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." – Maya Angelou

A G E N D A

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

ITEM 1

1. Call to Order
2. Electronic Board Meeting Procedures

B. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS

ITEM 2

1. Annual Report of Chairperson
2. Election of Board Officers/Nomination and Election
 - Chairperson of the Board
 - Vice-Chairperson of the Board
3. Remarks of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

C. OPENING PROCEDURES: ORDINARY BUSINESS MEETING MATTERS

ITEM 3

1. Correspondence
 - S. Higginson, President, BC School Trustees Association
 - F. Lento, Chairperson, School District No. 5 (Southeast Kootenay)
 - M. Baxter, Chairperson, School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan)
 - Press Release, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
 - K. Palmer Isaak, Chairperson, School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)
 - K. Toye, Chairperson, School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)
 - T. Dunford, Chairperson, School District No. 63 (Saanich)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda: *Members of the public can provide input on decision items on the Agenda by emailing board@sd42.ca by no later than 5:30 pm on November 17, 2021. The email subject line should read: INPUT regarding Decision Items. All public input received will be shared with trustees electronically. This agenda item has a time limit of 10 minutes.*

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ITEM 4

1. October 20, 2021

E. PRESENTATIONS – *Individuals and groups invited by the Board to make presentations. Time limits for individual presentations will be established to allow all speakers to present within the time limit for this item. This agenda item has a time limit of 20 minutes including questions; extension is at the discretion of the Board.*

1. Career Development

ITEM 5

F. DELEGATIONS – *Registered delegations can make presentations to the Board. Time limits for individual delegations will be established to allow all registered delegations to present within the time limit for this item. This agenda item has a time limit of 20 minutes including questions; extension is at the discretion of the Board.*

G. DEFERRED ITEMS

H. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committee & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
 - c) Facilities Planning
 - d) Board Policy Development
 - e) Education
 - f) Aboriginal Education

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Superintendent's Update ITEM 6
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committee & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
 - c) Facilities Planning
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 - e) Education
 - f) Aboriginal Education

II. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

III. TRUSTEE REPORTS

1. BC School Trustees Association
 - a) BCSTA: Provincial Council ITEM 7
 - b) BCSTA: Indigenous Education Committee ITEM 8
 - c) BCSTA: Professional Learning Committee ITEM 9
 - d) BCSTA: Fraser Valley Branch ITEM 10
2. Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Arts Council ITEM 11
3. Social Policy Advisory ITEM 12
4. Culture Collective Network ITEM 13
5. Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Team ITEM 14
6. English Language Learners Consortium ITEM 15
7. Good News Items

L. QUESTION PERIOD - *Question period will be restricted to questions only – statements and debate will not be permitted. Questions, with the exception of Trustee questions, will be limited to one question per person. Members of the public can submit questions for the board by emailing them to board@sd42.ca prior to the start of question period. The email subject line should read: QUESTION PERIOD. All questions received before the start of the question period will be answered in the order they are received. This agenda item has a time limit of 10 minutes; extension is at the discretion of the board.*

M. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Public Disclosure of Closed Meeting Business ITEM 16

N. ADJOURNMENT

**ITEM 1**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Korleen Carreras

Re: **OPENING PROCEDURES:**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information/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 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.



ITEM 2

To: **Board of Education**

From: Secretary Treasurer
Flavia Coughlan

Re: **ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
MATTERS**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

1. ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIRPERSON

RECOMMENDATION:

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

2. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

In accordance with Procedure 2915.1: Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, prior to the commencement of the election, the process for the election of the Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be approved at the Public Board meeting by Board Resolution (Attachment A).

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board approve Procedure 2915.1: Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board proceed to elect a new Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson following the nomination and election procedure outlined in Procedure 2915.1

Attachment

3. REMARKS OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON



SD 42 PROCEDURE: 2915.1

**TRUSTEE ELECTIONS -
CHAIRPERSON and VICE-CHAIRPERSON**

1. NOMINATION

(a) Process Approval

Prior to the commencement of the election, the process for the election of the Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will be approved at the public Board meeting by Board Resolution.

The Chairperson will call for the following motion:

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

The Chairperson passes the gavel to the Secretary Treasurer who will chair the meeting during the election process.

(b) Nomination Procedure

- i. The Chairperson will call a first time for nominations, for Chairperson for a one-year term. A seconder will not be required for nominations.
- ii. Each nominee will be asked whether he/she agrees to stand for election and can speak to the nomination.
- iii. The Chairperson will call a second and third time for nominations for Chairperson for a one-year term.
- iv. If after three (3) calls, there is only one nominee for the office, and that nominee accepts, the Chairperson declares that person the duly elected Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows), for a one (1) year period ended the next November.

2. ELECTION PROCEDURE IN PERSON BOARD MEETING

This procedure is used if all trustees are present in person.

- (a) If more than one person is nominated, the Chairperson will call for a motion to appoint scrutineers. The motion will read as follows:

THAT _____ and _____ be appointed scrutineers for the election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

- (b) The Chairperson will call on scrutineers to distribute, collect and count the ballots.
- (c) Trustees will vote by secret ballot.
- (d) Scrutineers will report the results of each ballot only to the Chairperson of the meeting, who shall announce the Trustee who has received the majority of the votes cast.
- (e) The Trustee receiving the majority of votes cast shall be declared elected. In accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*, if on the first or subsequent ballots a nominee does not receive a majority, voting for the office with all nominees remaining on the ballots shall continue until a majority vote is obtained for a single candidate. Should no candidate receive such clear majority, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the first ballot shall be dropped from the list and a second ballot, and, if necessary, subsequent ballots shall be held in like manner until one (1) candidate receives a clear majority of the votes cast and such candidate shall thereupon be declared to be elected.
- (f) The Chairperson will then call for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education for a one (1) year term and repeat the nomination process outlined above.
- (g) If ballots were required, the Chairperson will call for the following motion:

THAT the scrutineers destroy the ballots for the election of either Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, or both and that the scrutineers are discharged with gratitude.
- (h) The Chairperson will then pass the gavel to the newly elected Chairperson who will conduct the balance of the meeting.

3. ELECTION PROCEDURE IN ELECTRONIC BOARD MEETING

This procedure is used if the board meeting has been convened by electronic means.

- (a) If more than one person is nominated, the Chairperson will call for a motion to appoint scrutineers. The motion will read as follows:

THAT _____ and _____ be appointed scrutineers for the election of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.
- (b) The Chairperson will call on scrutineers to set-up and launch an online anonymous poll for the election of Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson and count the votes cast.
- (c) Trustees will vote by online anonymous poll.
- (d) Scrutineers will report the results of each vote only to the Chairperson of the meeting, who shall announce the Trustee who has received the majority of the votes cast.
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(f) The Chairperson will then call for nominations for Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education for a one (1) year term and repeat the nomination process outlined above.

(g) If ballots were required, the Chairperson will call for the following motion:

THAT the scrutineers delete the online poll results for the election of either Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, or both and that the scrutineers are discharged with gratitude.

(h) The Chairperson will then pass the gavel to the newly elected Chairperson who will conduct the balance of the meeting.

REVIEWED: JANUARY 2021



ITEM 3

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson

Re: **OPENING PROCEDURES: ORDINARY
BUSINESS MEETING MATTERS**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information/Decision

1. *CORRESPONDENCE (Information Item)*

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

Attachments

2. *APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Decision Item)*

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

3. *INVITATION FOR PUBLIC INPUT TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA - Members of the public can provide input on decision items on the Agenda by emailing board@sd42.ca by no later than 5:30 p.m. on November 17, 2021. The email subject line should read: INPUT regarding Decision Item. All public input received will be shared with trustees electronically. This agenda item has a time limit of 10 minutes.*



British Columbia
School Trustees
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October 26, 2021

Jasanveer & CERBC Team
Climate Education Reform BC
info@cerbc.ca

Dear members of the Climate Education Reform BC team,

RE: Climate Education Reform BC Needs Your Support

Thank you for your email dated August 12, 2021, introducing yourselves and detailing the student-led advocacy you are undertaking. BCSTA's board of directors applauds your efforts and your Reform to Transform campaign.

At the October 22 board of directors meeting, the board discussed and reviewed your letter. The board agrees that this topic is of paramount importance. You have done an excellent job of articulating the six needs that you are advocating for with the Ministry of Education and the nature of the support you are seeking.

We are pleased to inform you that we will send your letter to all 60 school districts within B.C. for their consideration. Many of the initiatives indicated in your letter are at the district level and local boards of education are best able to support the requests that you have identified.

Again, congratulations on your work, advocacy and passion to address the current climate emergency.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson
President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
Suzanne Hoffman, chief executive officer, BCSTA



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November 9, 2021

Dr. Susan O'Neill

Dean and Professor, Faculty of Education
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Dear Dr. Susan O'Neill,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of Simon Fraser University's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President

British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
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Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training



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November 9, 2021

Dr. Edward Howe

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Dear Dr. Edward Howe

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Dr. Allyson Jule

Dean of Education

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Dear Dr. Allyson Jule,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

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Dr. Margaret Macintyre Latta

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Dear Dr. Margaret Macintyre Latta,

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Dr. Marianne McTavish

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Dear Dr. Marianne McTavish,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

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Dr. Vandy Britton

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Dear Dr. Vandy Britton,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

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Dr. Tina Fraser,
Acting Chair, School of Education,
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Dear Dr. Tina Fraser,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

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Dr. Ralf St. Clair

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Dear Dr. Ralf St. Clair,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

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Dr. David Paterson

Dean, Faculty of Education
Vancouver Island University
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Dear Dr. David Paterson,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

October 18, 2021

Stephanie Higginson, President
British Columbia School Trustees Association
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Dear Ms. Higginson,

RE: Support for Increased School Life Cycle Funding

The School District 5 (SD5), Southeast Kootenay Media/Communications Standing Committee was recently reviewing past motion/action items of the Board of Education and noticed that the following motion, requiring action from this Committee had not been sent.

At the May 11th Public Board meeting, the Board carried the following motion:

That the Board send a letter to BCSTA in support of their recommendations to the BC Government for increased school life cycle funding.

Despite the tardiness of this letter, our Board feels it is still important to indicate our support for the BCSTA letter of March 31st, 2021, "School Life Funding".

Our Board supports the work of the BCSTA Capital Working Group report, "*The Case for Increased School Life Cycle Funding*" and appreciate the report's focus on the **province-wide** need to address the steadily increasing levels of deferred maintenance of school district capital assets.

Frank Lento (Chair) • Trina Ayling • Bev Bellina • Krista Damstrom
• Chris Johns • Kathryn Kitt • Doug McPhee • Wendy Turner • Patricia Whalen

Our Board heartily agrees that regular maintenance for facilities is critical to providing safe, efficient learning environments for our students and that this can be best achieved with **adequate** annual funding.

Sincerely,



Frank Lento, Board Chair

Cc*: John Horgan, Premier, BC New Democratic Party
Shirley Bond, Interim Leader, BC Liberal Party
Sonia Furstenu, Leader, BC Green Party
Tom Shypitka, MLA Kootenay East BC
Jackie Tegart, Education Critic BC Liberal Party
Stephanie Higginson, President, BCSTA
BCSTA for distribution to member Boards of Education
Teri Mooring, President BC Teachers' Federation
Andrea Sinclair, President, BCCPAC
Shelley Balfour & Chris Kielpinski, CFTA Co-Chairs
Patti Pocha, CUPE President
Tara McKee, DPAC Chair
Aaron Thorn, President, SD5 Administrators' Association
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Drive 102.9/B104 Radio
Cranbrook Daily Townsman
Elk Valley Herald
e-know Online News
Fernie Free Press

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SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

October 18, 2021

Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Room 124 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Whiteside,

RE: Safe Routes to Schools

The School District 5 (SD5), Southeast Kootenay Media/Communications Standing Committee was recently reviewing past motion/action items of the Board of Education and noticed that the following motion, requiring action from this Committee had not been sent.

At the June 15th Public Board meeting, the Board carried the following motion:

That the Board write a letter to Minister Whiteside in support of the February 3, 2021, BCSTA letter to Ministers Fleming and Whiteside regarding safe routes to Schools.

Despite the tardiness of this letter, our Board feels it is still important to indicate our support for the BCSTA letter of February 3rd, 2021, "*Safe Routes to Schools as part of the Provincial Active Transportation Strategy*", in advocating for the safety of our students.

Our Board fully supports the BCSTA's advocacy re: the importance of prioritizing safe, active transportation to and from public schools and providing options for students.

However, our school district still struggles with the **basic, safe transportation of our students** to and from school each day.

Our District is made up of both urban and rural communities. Many rural students in our District will spend hundreds of hours traveling our highways in both dry and inclement weather during their school careers.

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As such, our District **continues to advocate to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure** (MoTI) for adequate signage, safe highway speed limits and meaningful penalties for drivers exceeding posted speed limits.

Our Board believes strongly that collaboration between the Ministry of Education (MoE) and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), as advocated by the BCSTA is important.

No less important is the need for collaboration between the MoTI and individual Boards of Education. This is paramount to ensuring the safety of rural students across the province.

Sincerely,



Frank Lento, Board Chair

Cc*: John Horgan, Premier, BC New Democratic Party
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

October 18, 2021

Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Room 124 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Whiteside,

RE: Timelier Response Needed from the Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB)

The School District 5 (SD5), Southeast Kootenay Media/Communications Standing Committee was recently reviewing past motion/action items of the Board of Education and noticed that the following motion, requiring action from this Committee had not been sent.

At the June 15th Public Board meeting, the Board carried the following motion:

That the Board write a letter to Minister Whiteside in support of BCSTA's letter of February 10, 2021, asking for a timelier response from the Teacher Regulation Branch (TRB).

Despite the tardiness of this letter, our Board feels it is still important to address the need for a timelier response from the TRB.

Our district is both urban and rural and is located close to the Alberta border. Our area employs many professionals from Alberta. However, due to TRB delays, our "geographic advantage" does not translate into the advantage it could be.

These delays not only affect out-of-province candidates; many recent BC university graduates and professionals (ie: psychologists, red-seal tradespersons etc.) also experience delays when applying for certification or Letters of Permission (LOPs). These

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delays not only affect the programs and services we offer our students, but also creates an unnecessary workload on our already overextended district.

We have a high need for qualified teaching staff, especially in our Elk Valley communities yet when we find a candidate willing to work in one of these communities, the TRB delays introduce challenges to an already challenging process.

Can you please provide us with a timely response outlining what the Ministry of Education (MoE) plans to do to address this issue?

Sincerely,



Frank Lento, Board Chair

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October 22, 2021

Via email: Premier@gov.bc.ca, EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, HLTH.Minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable John Horgan, MLA,
Premier of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

The Honourable Jennifer Whiteside, MLA,
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

The Honourable Adrian Dix, MLA,
Minister of Health
PO Box 9050, Stn Prov Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dr. Bonnie Henry
Provincial Health Officer
PO Box 9648, Stn Prov Govt.
1515 Blanshard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 9P4

Dear Premier, Minister Whiteside, Minister Dix and Dr. Henry:

At the October 13, 2021 Public Board Meeting, the Central Okanagan Board of Education passed the following Motion:

THAT: The Board write a letter to Premier Horgan, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Health, and the Provincial Health Officer regarding our expectation that any mandate for staff vaccines would have been a provincial decision in a provincial health order and that they would cover any costs.

On behalf of the Central Okanagan Board of Education, I am writing to explain the Board's discussions around the issue of mandatory vaccinations for K-12 staff.

First of all, for the past 20 months our Board has been following all Provincial Health Orders regarding COVID 19. The Board was consistently told that we should not deviate from the Provincial Orders especially by implementing protocols which went beyond the orders. That is why we expected any vaccine mandates would come from the PHO, and not be left up to individual Boards of Education.

Since the Province's announcement regarding mandatory vaccines in the K – 12 sector, we have learned just how complicated this issue is, and understand that it is more than a health and safety issue and has now moved to a labour relations issue.

Considering all the issues before Boards of Education, we would respectfully state that if the Province was contemplating publically declaring that vaccine mandates are a Board decision, then the guidelines and

frameworks that are now beginning to come to Boards should have been ready for distribution and discussion before the public announcement.

As our Board discusses all the implications of moving forward, we are concerned that there may be costs involved. We believe that the Provincial Government should cover any extra costs incurred by Boards.

The past 20 months have been trying for everyone. We appreciate the work undertaken at the Provincial level, especially in the Ministries of Health and Education, and by the Provincial and local health authorities.

Yours sincerely,

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Moyra Baxter, Chairperson
Board of Education

pc: Central Okanagan Board of Education Trustees
Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Dr. Sue Pollock, Interim Chief Medical Health Officer – Interior Health Authority
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Board of Education – Trustees

Moyra Baxter
Norah Bowman

Wayne Broughton
Chantelle Desrosiers
Julia Fraser

Amy Geistlinger
Lee-Ann Tiede



School District 42 Board Decides Against Vaccine Mandate for Staff

After careful deliberation, the School District 42 Board of Education has decided against mandating COVID-19 vaccinations for staff.

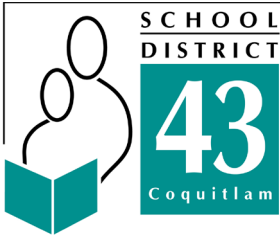
The decision follows a careful review of considerations outlined in the [provincial guidance document](#) and consultation with public health officials, who stated the benefits of a mandate are limited in communities like Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows, which already have high vaccination rates.

“We want to make it absolutely clear that we strongly encourage all staff and eligible students to get vaccinated,” said Board Chairperson Korleen Carreras. “We know vaccines are incredibly effective in reducing the risks associated with COVID-19 and we are grateful to our staff members who have already received their vaccinations.”

Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows have some of the highest vaccination rates in Fraser Health, with 88% of the 18+ population receiving their first dose and 85% receiving their second dose. According to a [BCTF-produced study](#), vaccination levels among teachers are higher than the general population, with 94% reporting they are fully vaccinated.

Public health officials observed that schools continue to be low risk settings for transmission and can safely operate without 100% vaccine coverage. Officials also noted that mandates may potentially exacerbate inequalities for some, and recommended less invasive measures, such as promoting vaccinations among eligible staff.

“Throughout the pandemic, our district has relied on the guidance of public health officials when weighing difficult decisions around school safety,” said Carreras. “We will continue to follow their guidance as we work to encourage vaccines for all staff members.”



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**BOARD OF
EDUCATION**

October 15, 2021

CHAIR:

Kerri Palmer Isaak

Stephanie Higginson, President
British Columbia School Trustees Association
1580 W Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6J 5K9
via email: shigginson@bcsta.org

VICE-CHAIR:

Michael Thomas

Dear Stephanie,

TRUSTEES:

Jennifer Blatherwick

Barb Hobson

Carol Cahoon

Lisa Park

Christine Pollock

Keith Watkins

Craig Woods

School District No. 43 which encompasses the communities of Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Anmore and Belcarra, would like the BCSTA to consider holding this year's Trustee Academy online as well as in person. We recognize that the addition of hosting virtually requires additional resources and technology, but we feel that some members of our association will be excluded with in person attendance being the only option for participation. Some trustees have reservations about attending in person gatherings, travel, and being exposed to large groups. While many trustees are comfortable with the return to in person sessions, we must be mindful that some are not, and their participation is valuable to us all.

On behalf of SD43's Board of Education we appreciate you taking the time to consider our request.

Yours truly,

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM) BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kerri Palmer Isaak
Chair, Board of Education

cc: Board of Education
Patricia Gartland, Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Chris Nicolls, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO



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October 25, 2021

The Honourable Jennifer Whiteside,
Minister of Education
P.O. Box 9045 STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Whiteside,

Re: Budget Considerations

Our Board is writing in support of the September 21, 2021 letter from School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) with respect to the Budget 2022 Consultation. All four of the recommendations in their letter are also applicable in our district.

Recommendation #1: For the K-12 Sector, consider additional mental health and addiction resources, which could be used for personnel, over a multi-year time frame.

The communities in our district have well documented needs for mental health supports. One indicator is the rate of addictions in this part of the Province. The current short-term funding will provide some assistance, but predictable, long-term funding is needed to make a real and lasting difference for our students. The significant measurement and reporting requirements associated with these one-time grants is also a concern, as it adds to the workload for the limited staff in the Board Office.

Recommendation #2: A 10% increase to the Annual Facility Grant Allocation.

Annual Facility Grant funds allow the district to respond quickly to urgent repairs and allow the district flexibility in setting and changing priorities. The district's allocation, after allowing for the deduction for CAMS and the use of part of the funds to cover wages, does not go very far. Therefore, an increase to this funding would be welcome.

Recommendation #3: Consider funding additional resources in Districts to support operationalizing the provincial Framework for Enhancing Student Learning mandate.

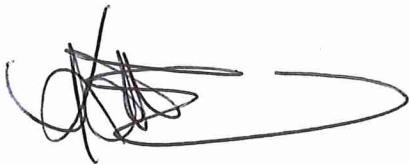
The Board recognizes that the successful implementation of the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning would benefit all of the students in our district. In our small district, however, the data analysis and reporting requirements of the Framework pose a significant additional workload for the Superintendent and the Director of Instruction. Targeted, additional funding to operationalize the Framework would make a real difference for our district.

*Recommendation #4: Commit to fully funding salary increases for **all** employee groups in the K-12 Sector.*

I have written to you previously with respect to the gap in funding of collective agreements. This recommendation goes beyond that letter, to address the need for the Province to fund exempt staff increases. These increases are already managed through PSEC, so the need for funding is easily identifiable. As a district in funding protection, we have faced an effective decline in real funding for many years. Our ability to find the funds to fairly pay our exempt staff is increasingly difficult with each budget.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our concerns.

Yours sincerely,
School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)



Ms. Kate Toye
Chair

cc: MLA Jennifer Rice
BCSTA



SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)

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October 26, 2021

The Honourable Jennifer Whiteside
Minister of Education
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Victoria BC V8W 9E2

The Honourable George Heyman
Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy
PO Box 9047, Stn Prov Gov't
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Whiteside & Minister Heyman,

The Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) is committed to reducing the environmental impact of district activities, and specifically to taking the steps necessary to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in order to meet the CleanBC sector targets for 2030.

The school district has developed an energy sustainability plan identifying the steps necessary to meet these targets. This plan confirms it is possible to meet the 2030 targets by taking specific steps including upgrading building heating systems, and by electrifying the bus fleet. However, this plan identifies a significant gap between the annual funding available and the funding actually required to implement the measures needed to meet GHG reduction targets. As a result, without additional sources of funding it will not be possible for the school district to meet the CleanBC sector targets.

On October 20, 2021, the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) passed a motion to write a letter to the Minister of Education and the Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy regarding the additional funding support needed to meet the 2030 CleanBC targets.

Thank you for recognizing the significance of this important endeavour and demonstrating the Ministries' commitment to meet the 2030 CleanBC targets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Dunford", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Tim Dunford
Board Chair

TD/klg



ITEM 4

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson

Re: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the October 20, 2021 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment



**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, October 20, 2021 (6:00 PM)
Via Videoconference**

IN ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

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

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

- J. Whiteside, Minister of Education
- A. Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training
- M. Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
- D. Coulter, Parliamentary Secretary for Accessibility, Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction
- K. Carreras, Chairperson, School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)
- K. Toye, Acting Chairperson, School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)
- G. Swan, Chairperson, School District No. 58 (Nicole-Similkameen)
- J. Kerr, Chairperson, School District No. 72 (Campbell River)

THAT the Board receive all correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED5. 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 5:30 pm on October 20, 2021.

No public input was received.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the September 22, 2021 Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED**C. PRESENTATIONS****D. DELEGATIONS****E. DEFERRED ITEMS****F. DECISION ITEMS**

1. Chairperson

a) Board of Education Regular Public Board Meeting Schedule Amendment**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the amended regular Public Board meeting schedule for 2021/22:

September 22, 2021	March 9, 2022
October 20, 2021	April 13, 2022
November 17, 2021	April 27, 2022
December 8, 2021	May 18, 2022
January 19, 2022	June 15, 2022
February 23, 2022	

CARRIED**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. School Teams – Research-informed Learning and Growth

Moved/Seconded

Assistant Superintendent Jovo Bikic presented on school teams and its research-informed approach to learning and growth. The big ideas of equity, diversity and inclusion, collaboration and curriculum were explained and the work of the key researchers and facilitators highlighted. Dr. Kimberly Schonert-Reich - Social Emotional Learning, Dr Amy Parent - Equity in Action; and Dr. Shelley Moore, Faye Brownlie and Leyton Schnellert – guiding and supporting the work of the school teams.

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on School Teams: Research-informed Learning and Growth by Jovo Bikic, Assistant Superintendent.

CARRIED

Trustee Shaw joined the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

F. DECISION ITEMS

2. Superintendent
3. Secretary Treasurer

a) School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI)

Moved/Seconded

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the School District Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) for the year ended June 30, 2021.

The report is prepared annually in accordance with the Financial Information Act; included in the report are a schedule of remuneration and expenses that lists all payments made to trustees and to employees with remuneration exceeding \$75,000, and, a schedule of suppliers of goods and services that received payments in excess of \$25,000.

THAT the Board approve the School District Statement of Financial Information for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees

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

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent

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

The Superintendent provided an update on the *Facilities of the Future* engagement process and on school events and activities.

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

CARRIED

- 3. Secretary Treasurer
- 4. Board Committees

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

i. Policy Review Update**Moved/Seconded**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Ministry of Education adopted two new provincial policies on accumulated operating surplus and financial planning and reporting.

The Board Policy Development Committee met and reviewed the school district's existing policies for alignment with the new provincial policies. The only update to SD42 Policy 4203: Budget Planning and Reporting is at the procedural level. SD42 Policy 4204: Accumulated Surplus has been updated and will be posted for public input before being presented again to the Board for approval.

THAT the Board receive Procedure 4203.1: Budget Process for information.

And Further;

THAT the Board receive Policy 4204: Accumulated Surplus for information and continuation with the consultation process:

CARRIED

- e) Education
- f) Aboriginal Education

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**I. TRUSTEE REPORTS**BC School Trustees Association

The Chairperson reported on the recent Board Chairs and Partner Liaison meetings and spoke to the motions that will be presented at the October 23, 2021 Provincial Council meeting. It was noted that Trustee Trudeau will attend the upcoming Indigenous Education Committee meeting and Trustee Shaw will attend the upcoming Professional Learning Committee meeting.

District Parent Advisory Council

The Board Chairperson spoke to the recent District Parent Advisory Council meeting.

Municipal Advisory on Accessibility and Inclusiveness

Trustee Sullivan reported that the 2022 draft work plan was discussed and that a handbook for events is being created.

Youth Planning Table

Trustee Dumore reported that the work of the Youth Planning Table was reviewed.

Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Team

Trustee Sullivan acknowledged the work of Trustee Dumore as committee coordinator.

City of Maple Ridge Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee

Trustee Murray reported that an update on the sports network was received.

City of Pitt Meadows Community Support Select Committee

Trustee Sullivan reported that meetings provide the opportunity for information sharing and networking and would continue on a quarterly basis.

Good News Items

Trustee Trudeau spoke about the pumpkin patch at Alouette Elementary, the Great Pumpkin Weigh-in day at Whonnock Lake and the new Terry Fox Run curriculum; Trustee Yamamoto congratulated Carolina Echeverri, Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Katzie Local Immigration Partnership coordinator, on taking the lead in staging a vigil to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Maple Ridge, and also spoke about First Book Canada, an organization that provides books to low income families. Trustee Sullivan acknowledged the work done by teachers with students on Truth and Reconciliation. Trustee Dumore announced that she had taken a new role at the Foundry and noted that the Kiwanis club had made a substantial donation to the new Albion park. Trustee Murray spoke to the Truth and Reconciliation gathering at the Memorial Peace Park and the upcoming November 24, 2021, 8th annual Salvation Army Dignity Breakfast fundraising event; Trustee Shaw spoke about the giant pumpkin contest at Whonnock Lake and Trustee Carreras spoke about a Katzie First Nation event she attended on September 30, 2021.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Korleen Carreras, Chairperson

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer



ITEM 5

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson

Re: **CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the presentation on Career Development by Michelle Allen, Vice Principal, Garibaldi Secondary School, Steve Wiebe, Principal, District Alternate and Ken Cober, Assistant Superintendent, for information.



ITEM 6

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent
Harry Dhillon

Re: **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

RECOMMENDATION:

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



ITEM 7

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Korleen Carreras

Re: **BCSTA: PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

BCSTA's Provincial Council meeting took place virtually on October 23, 2021. A synopsis of the meeting is attached for information.

Attachment

October 2021

SYNOPSIS

BCSTA Provincial Council Summary

This is a summary of the October 2021 Provincial Council (PC) meeting, which took place on Zoom. Draft minutes are available [here](#). Contact Suzanne Hoffman at shoffman@bcsta.org for more details.

President's Report

President Stephanie Higginson welcomed attendees, welcomed our new CEO, Suzanne Hoffman, and shared updates on COVID-19, BCSTA's election committee, the framework for enhanced student learning and vaccine mandates. Read the report [here](#).

CEO's Report

New CEO Suzanne Hoffman delivered her first report to Provincial Council. Read the report [here](#).

CSBA Report

Vice-President Carolyn Broady delivered a report on the activity of the Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA), including the association's work on equity and inclusion, mental health, and a cross-country check in on the status of locally elected boards of education. Read her report [here](#).

Finance & Audit Committee Report

The committee presented two motions to the October 2021 Provincial Council; 8.1 BCSTA's Audited Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2021 and 8.2 BCSTA's Grant Status Report as of June 30, 2021. Both motions were carried. See the audited financial statements [here](#).

The committee also presented agenda item 8.3 2022/2023 BCSTA Budget Planning. The Finance & Audit Committee asked provincial councillors to have a discussion with their boards and provide feedback to assist with development of BCSTA's 2022/2023 draft budget. Feedback regarding the development of BCSTA's 2022/2023 budget can be forwarded to the Finance & Audit Committee by December 6, 2021. Send feedback to Elaine Teng at eteng@bcsta.org.

Legislative Committee Report

The committee examines motions submitted to PC. Ryan Painter delivered a verbal report to the council, which can be read [here](#).

IEC Report

Janet Fraser delivered the committee's report including an update on the IEC Knowledge Series resource, the committee workplan and call out questions for Trustee Academy. Download the report [here](#).

Professional Learning Committee Report

Leah Ward, PLC Chair, delivered the committee's report focusing on the committee's plans for Trustee Academy. Download the report [here](#).

Disposition of Motions

The following motions were carried by PC:

- 9.1 That BCSTA write a letter to all BC education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training.
- 9.2 That BCSTA request that the Canadian School Board Association urge the Government of Canada to:
1. a) declare the toxic drug supply crisis a national public health emergency,
 2. b) immediately seek input from the people most affected by this crisis and meet with provinces and territories to develop a comprehensive, Pan-Canadian overdose action plan
- and advocate for expanded provincial, cross-ministry supports for our students around substance abuse.
- 9.3 That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education, Province of BC to increase the Annual Facilities Grants provided to School Districts.

Download the full disposition of motions [here](#).

**ITEM 8**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Colette Trudeau

Re: **BCSTA: INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
COMMITTEE**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

Date of meeting: October 21-22, 2021

Items discussed:

- BCSTA Strategic Plan
 - The Indigenous Education Committee (IEC) continues to review the workplan to ensure the actions of the committee are in alignment with the BCSTA strategic plan. This has helped ensure that each action taken and recommendation made supports the organization to achieve their goals, while working towards decolonization.
- Trustee Academy – Knowledge Series Concurrent
 - The IEC will be leading 6 concurrent sessions at the BCSTA Academy to support trustee learning about BCTEA. The committee will be supported by retired Superintendent, Anne Cooper.
 - The IEC has partnered with the Professional Learning Committee (PLC) to support the Indigenous Day of Learning at Academy. There will be diverse Elders in attendance from across the Province that will reflect First Nations and Metis communities.
- IEC Work Plan Updates/Assignments/Sub-Committees
 - The IEC has developed 3 subcommittees to support the action plan: 1) Knowledge Series Committee 2) IEC Terms of Reference, and 3) Policies Committee FESL Committee. Trustee representation has been evenly distributed amongst the subcommittees.
- IEC Logo Discussion
 - The IEC will be putting forward the recommendation that the BCSTA Board of Directors to indigenize the organizational logo.

Items referred to the Board of Education:

- IEC Call-Out Questions
 1. When did you first hear about the BCTEA?

2. What, if anything, are you aware of that is being implemented in your district because of the BCTEA?
3. Are you familiar with UNDRIP (The United Nations Declaration for Indigenous People), Bill 41? Yes/No.
4. If yes to question 3, can you share anything about how the declaration has changed your outlook and/ or the outlook of your district?
5. What is your district doing for Indigenous language?
6. Have you read the Knowledge Series publications from the Indigenous Education Committee?

Date of next meeting: December 1, 2021



ITEM 9

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Pascale Shaw

Re: **BCSTA: PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
COMMITTEE**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

Date of meeting: October 21-22, 2021

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Trustee Academy:

- Academy will be in person this year.
- To date attendance is higher than pre-COVID times with representation in 58 of the 60 districts.
- Pre-conference sold out and more seats added.
- A virtual option does not exist for this event as the cost would be prohibitive to run both in person and virtual options. Some speakers do not allow taping, additional staff time, equipment etc. These are some of the reasons why only one option is available. BCSTA is a small organization that at this time cannot afford to offer more than one option at a time.
- Some trustees expressed their concern that some of their board will not be able to attend and therefore will miss out on learning opportunities.
- As much of the content will be made available as possible for those board members who cannot attend.

Return to long term planning:

- COVID-19 has caused planning to become more short term. With provincial health regulations frequently changing over the past year and a half, long term planning for the Trustee Academy and AGM became more short term.
- With an election next year and COVID-19 restrictions being lifted, planning has begun for 4 years of education for incoming trustees.

Strategic Plan for the Professional Learning Committee:

- Identified emergent issues and how we can create learning opportunities for trustees.

Date of next meeting: To be announced

**ITEM 10**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Korleen Carreras

Re: **BCSTA: FRASER VALLEY BRANCH**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

Date of meeting: October 21, 2021

Items discussed:

- Update from new BCSTA CEO Suzanne Hoffman. Suzanne introduced herself and reviewed her history in education. Spoke about the strong staff at BCSTA and her excitement to take on this important role.
- BCSTA update. Rick Price reviewed board chair/liaison meeting, upcoming Provincial Council, and December Academy.
- BCPSEA update. Shirley Paulson, Director and Bruce Anderson, CEO reviewed provincial guidelines for consideration as boards discuss a staff vaccine policy.
- Professional Learning Committee update. Pascale Shaw provided an update on the December academy.
- Indigenous Education Committee update. Tony Goulet reviewed call out questions, knowledge series, and work of the committee
- October Provincial Council. Review of motions
- Update on the Langley Board of Education move from the Fraser Valley Branch to Metro Branch.
- FESL updates from school districts.

Recommendations to the Board:

Ideas for branch meeting learning topics. Please submit to Shelley Carter, President

Date of next meeting: December 3, 2021 at the Trustee Academy



ITEM 11

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Kathleen Sullivan

Re: **MAPLE RIDGE-PITT MEADOWS ARTS
COUNCIL**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

Date of meeting: October 25, 2021

Items discussed:

1. Call to Order of the 50th Annual General Meeting and Welcome Remarks by the outgoing President, Laura Butler
2. New Board of Directors: President, Kevin Binnie; Treasurer, Monica Schulte; Secretary, Linda King; Past President, Laura Butler
3. Presentation of new Board members candidates: Loretta Griffin-Jarvis, Carla Reed, Sharen Sandhu, and Sarah Thompson.
4. Board Members continuing their current term: Addie Anderson, Jon Aaron, Kevin Binnie, Laura Butler, Gary Cleave, Karl Doering, Linda King, Monica Schulte, Diane Speirs
5. Highlights from the presentation of the Annual Report by the Artistic and Executive Director, Curtis Pendleton:
 - the Arts Learning Programs saw record uptake in the Spring Break camps and specially created programming for Kanaka Creek Elementary. There was an incredible increase, welcoming 631 participants to 71 different registered activities.
 - the ACT Presents Series of live performances restarted in the fall of 2020 only to be closed again in November.
 - the Art Gallery remained open throughout the season hosting a full season of exhibitions.
 - Community Engagement activities were held virtually, in a series of partnership events with the City of Maple Ridge and other community groups for Canada Day, Celebrate the Night, Culture Days and Winter Fest. The operations team developed a strong COVID-19 Safety plan that allowed many of the long-time community organizations to hold their performances and year end recitals, videotaped and live-streamed. Over 5,000 youth dancers were welcomed to the ACT stage to showcase their year of hard work while keeping all participants safe.
 - The film industry was one of the first to open up after the initial restrictions and partnered with the ACT for many movie shoots including, Superman & Lois, Van Helsing and the J Team, A Christmas in Nashville with Dolly Parton, Honey Girls and several more – was critical to the financial success of the past year.

Date of next meeting: November 29, 2021

**ITEM 12**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Kim Dumore

Re: **SOCIAL POLICY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

Date of meeting: November 3, 2021

Presentations:

- Community Social Safety Officers (CSSO) - the new community safety hub. Pop up is open at the Ridge church Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Services include but are not limited to hot showers, food, indigenous liaison from Kwantlen First Nation, addictions outreach, clothing and community based liaisons, security & janitorial. Referrals have been made to many community agencies for various services including one to a youth safe house outside our community.
- City of Maple Ridge Transportation Plan. The City of Maple Ridge is collecting information to frame a 30-year plan. Additional community support will be collected commencing November 15, 2021.
<https://www.mapleridge.ca/2557/Strategic-Transportation-Plan>

Items Discussed:

- COVID-19 Update: City of Maple Ridge-vaccinations are not required of staff however volunteers and spectators are required to show proof of vaccination. City Hall is open for business. All other information is on the City of Maple Ridge website: [Maple Ridge, BC | Official Website](https://www.mapleridge.ca/2557/Strategic-Transportation-Plan)
- New traffic calming at 104 and Jackson and along Abernethy. If you have an area that requires some calming process, request forms can be found on the following link: <https://www.mapleridge.ca/DocumentCenter/View/23825/Traffic-Calming-Request-Form>
- Update on SPAC Work Plan
- Committee Updates:
 - Youth Planning Table (YPT)
 - Community Action Team (CAT)

Items referred to the Board of Education:

Request to have the City of Maple Ridge present the transportation plan to the Board after completion (Fall 2022).

Date of next meeting: February 2, 2022

**ITEM 13**

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Elaine Yamamoto

Re: **CULTURE COLLECTIVE NETWORK**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

Date of meeting: November 4, 2021

Items discussed:

Nazanin Shoja, Manager of BC Culture Days presented the history of the grassroots initiative that grew into a province-wide month of events. The dates for 2022 have not been confirmed and may be adjusted so as not to conflict with the September 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The Collective also examined the lessons learned from 2021 shifting approach to festivals and events and received updates from the members in attendance. I reported on the current status of access to school facilities.

The City of Maple Ridge is hoping to host the February 2022 meeting at the Albion Community Centre and to explore possible community events to hold there.

Upcoming highlights:

Christmas Hamper registration opens November 8, 2021 at:
www.mrpmchristmashamper.org/register

The **Maple Ridge Museum** has received funding to provide pop-up displays focusing on sustainability, community and technology.

The Maple Ridge Library will celebrate **Family Literacy Day** with a special, activity-filled grab bag available to families throughout the month of January.

Date of next meeting: February 10, 2022

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Kathleen Sullivan

Re: **RIDGE MEADOWS OVERDOSE
COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM**

Date: November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

Date of meeting: November 12, 2021

Presentations:

1. Community Safety Hub Presentation – Chad Cowles

- Centre has opened at Ridge Church – soft launch started over 2 weeks ago to gauge community acceptance.
- Purpose is to support the health and hygiene needs for the unsheltered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am - 2 pm. Offer meals, showers, do simple needs assessment and direct people to appropriate services.
- The Hub has scaled up now and averaging 25 individuals per day, at least 12 showers per day and 25 meals per day.
- 24-hour security is set up from Tuesday to Thursday. Take down site/trailers on Thursday and set up again on the following Tuesday.
- Community Safety Officers attend, and HUB team and coordinator are on site throughout.
- Positive feedback from the community. Daily meals are on the increase, groups providing hot meals, individuals are asking for assistance and services regarding recovery, foot care supplies coming from the community and on November 25 a nurse will be there to offer foot care. Working on getting more harm reduction services to be provided on site.
- Have referred people to Food for the Soul, Alouette Addictions, Housing, etc.

2. Provincial Updates:

- Coroner's Report – More than 1,500 lives lost to toxic illicit drugs in first 9 months of 2021 and represent a 24% increase from the same time in 2020. 71% of those who have died as a result of drug toxicity in 2021 were between 30 and 59 and 79% were male. The number of illicit drug toxicity deaths in August and September 2021 is equal to about 5.5 deaths per day. Maple Ridge- Pitt Meadows has seen an increase in ambulance calls.

- MRSOS – the Outreach Society has become an outlet for harm reduction supplies, doing Monday meeting drop ins at the park followed by dinner, Toasty Tuesday at Maple Ridge Memorial Peace Park on November 9 and 16 from 7 pm - 9 pm. Snacks, harm reduction and warm weather items supplied. Looking for donations for warm weather clothing, blankets and pillows.

3. Project Updates:

- Continue to send information to Tanya so she can post on social media sites.
 - Ministry Peer Hub – go well, currently planning Xmas event.
 - New Funding - \$40,000 from OERC (Overdose Emergency Response Centre), targeting items from workplan are communication and work around anti-stigma campaign, education around safe supply and benefits, communicating resources available in the community, youth involvement. Looks like funding to CAT table will continue.
4. Discussion on recent Newspaper Article regarding OAT (Opioid Agonist Treatment) specifically at Food for Soul and if response from this team is appropriate.

Items referred to the Board of Education:

1. Upcoming presentations to CAT: December - Ambulance services and Foundry; January – ICY teams

Date of next meeting: December 10, 2021

**ITEM 15****To: Board of Education****From:** Trustee
Elaine Yamamoto**Re: ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS**
CONSORTIUM**Date:** November 17, 2021
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

Date of meeting: October 27, 2021**Items discussed:**

The English Language Learners Consortium (ELL) membership includes trustees and staff from across the Lower Mainland. Its purpose is to advocate for ELL learners and offer opportunities for staff to collaborate on training and sharing of resources. The Consortium is chaired by Trustee Jen Mezai (Burnaby). Key advocacy points are identified by the Consortium and district updates are presented by staff.

The Consortium Chair and key members have secured a meeting with Ministry of Education staff to directly advocate for the additional supports for ELL students. The advocacy will include a request that the educational outcomes of ELL students include disaggregated data tracking their country of origin, immigration status, age on arrival, type of graduation and last level of ELL support. These are key data points to help the Ministry of Education and individual school districts determine the level and effectiveness of educational supports being allocated to our ELL students.

Although we have smaller absolute numbers, the ELL student population in SD42 continues to increase. As a school district we need to continue to learn from school districts that have large ELL student populations and to closely monitor the educational outcomes of our newcomer, ELL students.

Date of next meeting: January 13, 2021

**ITEM 16****RECORD**

Pursuant to provisions of 72 (1) of the *School Act*, the following report is a general statement of: (a) matters discussed; and (b) the general nature of decisions resolved at the following meetings from which persons other than Trustees or officers of the Board, or both were excluded:

September 22, 2021 Special Closed

Call to Order
Motion of Exclusion
Approval of Agenda
Information Item
Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 1:40 p.m.
Approved
Approved as circulated
Received
Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

September 22, 2021 Closed

Call to Order
Motion of Exclusion
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes
Superintendent Decision Items
Superintendent Information Items
Secretary Treasurer Information Item
Superintendent Information Items
Secretary Treasurer Information Item
Board Committees
Adjournment

Meeting called to order at 2:41 p.m.
Approved
Approved as circulated
Approved as circulated
Approved
Received
Received
Received
Received
Received
Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.