

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore
Trustee – Hudson Campbell
Trustee – Gabriel Liosis
Trustee – Mike Murray
Trustee – Pascale Shaw
Trustee – Katie Sullivan

Superintendent – Teresa Downs
Secretary Treasurer – Richard Rennie
Deputy Superintendent – Cheryl Schwarz
Assistant Secretary Treasurer – Iris Mo
Senior Manager, Communications – Irena Pochop
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 Chairperson called the Public Board meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

3. Correspondence

- Letter from Minister, R. Singh, to Board Chairs re: Anti-Semitism

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the correspondence, for information.

CARRIED

4. Approval of Agenda

The Board Chairperson proposed to move ITEM 3 – Chairperson’s Update to go after ITEM 5 – Policy Review Update as an information item.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

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 by no later than 5:30pm on June 19, 2024.

No Public Input was received.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Minutes of the May 15, 2024, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Building Safer Communities Program

The District Principal of Safe and Caring Schools, Sherri Skerratt, District Vice Principal of Safe and Caring Schools, Trish Umlah, Principal of District Alternate School, Steve Wiebe, and Project Lead Prevention and Intervention Coordinator, Building Safer Communities, City of Maple Ridge, Melissa Malo presented on the Building Safer Communities program in the district. An overview of the Building Safer Communities program and the RISE project initiatives was presented, along with details on the School District No. 42 & RISE Partnership, including prevention education, intervention strategies, future planning, and the next steps for these programs.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Building Safer Communities Program presentation, for information.

CARRIED

D. DELEGATIONS

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson
2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Five-Year Capital Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30

The Secretary Treasurer introduced the new Manager, Facilities Planning and Capital Projects, Sam Elliott, who accompanied Director of Facilities, Louie Giroto, for the presentation of the five year capital plan.

The Director of Facilities reported that the Ministry of Education and Child Care 2025/26 Capital Plan Instructions identify that the deadline for the 2025/26 major capital and building envelope programs submissions is June 30, 2024 and the deadline for the 2025/26 minor capital programs submission is September 30, 2024. The Director of Facilities reported on projects for the following programs: Seismic Mitigation Program; School Expansion Program; School Replacement Program; Building Envelope Program, and Child Care Program.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the Major Capital Program projects and Building Envelope Program projects for the Five-Year Capital Plan 2025/26 for submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care as amended to correct the priority ranking for Mount Crescent Elementary within the School Replacement Program from 1 to 2.

CARRIED

4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

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

i. Policy Review Update

The Secretary Treasurer reported that feedback was received during the consultation process and considered in the revised Policy 4410: Travel Expenses and Policy 5780: Information Technology and Communication Systems – Appropriate Use. No input was received during the consultation process on Policy 4101: General Banking or Policy 6600: Naming of School District Facilities.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board approve the following updated policies:

- 4101: General Banking
- 4410: Travel Expenses
- 5780: Information Technology and Communication Systems – Appropriate Use
- 6600: Naming of School District Facilities

CARRIED

- e) Education Advisory
- f) Aboriginal Education Advisory
- g) Accessibility Advisory

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Chairperson's Update

The Chairperson shared an update on the Board's major accomplishments, challenges, and decisions from the past year, expressing gratitude to the board members for their respectful questions and debates.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Chairperson's Update, for information.

CARRIED

2. Superintendent of Schools

a) Superintendent's Update

The Superintendent shared a presentation on her insights from her first 100 days in the role, detailing her learnings and outlining the future direction.

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) School District's Financial Allocation to DPAC 2023/24

The Superintendent shared the background on the approved allocation of funding to support Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) for DPAC organized activities for PACs and parents under the condition that DPAC submits an annual report to the Board in June on how these funds have been spent along with a request to the Superintendent for continued funding.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the DPAC's funding report for 2023/24 and proposed spending plan for 2024/25, for information.

CARRIED

3. Secretary Treasurer

a) Secretary Treasurer's Update

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on the Eric Langton Elementary replacement and expansion project, noting, among other things, that the Ministry of Education and Child Care made an official announcement on the start of construction at a June 17, 2024, event hosted at the school.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive the Secretary Treasurer's Update, for information.

CARRIED

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i. Policy Review Update

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the Board Policy Development Committee met, reviewed, and is proposing updates to the following policies to provide greater clarity and conciseness: Policy 4110: Revenue Generation, Policy 4910: Financial Reporting and Administration of School Generated Funds, and Policy 5310: Disposal of Surplus. Input from education partners and the public is now invited. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before the policies are presented to the Board for approval on September 18, 2024.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive drafts of the following policies for information and continuation of the consultation process:

- 4110: Revenue Generation
- 4910: Financial Reporting and Administration of School Generated Funds
- 5310: Disposal of Surplus Assets

CARRIED

- e) Education Advisory
- f) Aboriginal Education Advisory
- g) Accessibility Advisory

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BC School Trustees Association

Capital Working Group

Trustee Murray provided highlights to his presentation that was shared at the BCSTA Capital Working Group meeting on May 27, 2024 titled Making Progress Toward Sustainable Schools: Next Steps. The link to the full report was included in the agenda package in the link to the BCSTA media release that highlights the urgent need for capital funding to cover deferred school maintenance and new infrastructure.

J. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions were received regarding students with volatile behaviours in schools. The Superintendent committed to following up to each person as appropriate and will report back to the board.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer