



**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, November 13, 2024 (6:00 PM)  
Boardroom, District Education Office**

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**IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

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

**GUESTS:**

Steve Wiebe, Principal, District Alternate School and Trades and Partnerships  
Brad Dingler, District Partnerships and Trades Programs Coordinator, District Alternate School

**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 6:05pm.

The Chairperson welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

**B. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS**

1. Annual Report of Chairperson

Chairperson Yamamoto presented the Annual Report of the Chairperson, reporting on the Board's key strategic initiatives for 2023/24.

**Moved/Seconded**

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

**CARRIED**

2. Election of Board Officers/Nomination and Election

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the Trustee Elections proceedings in accordance with Procedure 2915.1: Trustee Elections – Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

**CARRIED**

**Moved/Seconded**

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

**CARRIED**

The Secretary Treasurer became the Chairperson pro-tem for the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. A seconder was not required for nominations.

**Trustee Murray nominated Trustee Yamamoto.**

There were no further nominations. The Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee Yamamoto if she accepted the nomination.

**Trustee Yamamoto Accepted the nomination.**

The Secretary Treasurer called for a second time for nominations for Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. The Secretary Treasurer called for a third and final time for nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Board. There were no other nominations.

It was then announced by acclamation that the duly elected Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) for a one-year period ending November 2025 is **Trustee Yamamoto**.

The Secretary Treasurer called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board for a one-year term. A seconder was not required for nominations.

**Trustee Campbell nominated Trustee Dumore.**

There were no further nominations. The Secretary Treasurer asked Trustee Dumore if she accepted the nomination.

**Trustee Dumore Accepted the nomination.**

The Secretary Treasurer called for a second time for nominations for Vice-Chairperson for a one-year term. The Secretary Treasurer called for a third and final time for nominations for Chairperson for a one-year term. There were no other nominations.

It was then announced by acclamation that the duly elected Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Education of School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows) for a one-year period ending November 2025 is **Trustee Dumore**.

3. Remarks of Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

The Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson thanked everyone.

## C. OPENING PROCEDURES: ORDINARY BUSINESS MEETING MATTERS

### 1. Correspondence

- Letter from Board Chair to Ministry re Request to Carry Forward Under Expended 2023-24 Indigenous Education Funds

#### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive the correspondence for information.

#### **CARRIED**

### 2. Approval of Agenda

#### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

#### **CARRIED**

### 3. 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 November 13, 2024.

No public input was received.

## D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Minutes of the October 16, 2024, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

#### **CARRIED**

## E. PRESENTATIONS

### 1. Trades Programs

Brad Dingler, District Partnerships and Trades Programs Coordinator, and Steve Wiebe, Principal of Alternate Education and Trades and Partnerships, presented to the board on the Skilled Trades Partnership programs in the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District.

#### **Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the Trades Programs.

#### **CARRIED**

## F. DELEGATIONS

## G. DEFERRED ITEMS

## H. DECISION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

- a) Board of Education Annual Work Plan

The Secretary Treasurer reported that the proposed annual work plan for the board has been carefully designed to align with both the approved board meeting schedule and the Board's Operational Plan.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board approve the proposed Board of Education Annual Work Plan for posting on the school district website.

**CARRIED**

- b) BCSTA Survey regarding Non-Voting Student Delegates at BCSTA's Annual General Meeting

The Board Chairperson introduced the motion and Trustee Liosis provided the background of the motion, the BCSTA report, and the BCSTA survey to be completed by November 29, 2024.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board authorize the Board Chairperson to work with Trustee Liosis to complete the survey, based on the feedback collected, and submit the survey to the BCSTA on the Board's behalf by November 29, 2024.

**CARRIED**

2. Superintendent of Schools
3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports
  - a) Finance
  - b) Facilities Planning
  - c) Board Policy Development
  - d) Education Advisory
  - e) Indigenous Education Advisory
  - f) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

**I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

The Superintendent presented information on the following topic:

- Literacy

**Moved/Seconded**

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

**CARRIED**

3. Secretary Treasurer
4. Board Committees and Advisory Committee Reports

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

- i. Policies for Consultation

The Superintendent reported that the Board Policy Development Committee met, reviewed, and is proposing updates to the following policies outlined in the agenda package: Policy 9510: Flags of Canada and British Columbia, Policy 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings and the proposal to retire Policy 8220: School Day. Input from education partners and the public is invited from November 14, 2024 to noon on January 6, 2025. The Board Policy Development Committee will review all the input received before the policies are presented to the Board for approval on February 12, 2025.

**Moved/Seconded**

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

- Draft of policy 9510: Flags of Canada and British Columbia,
- Draft of policy 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings, and
- The proposal to retire policy 8220: School Day.

**CARRIED**

- d) Education Advisory
- e) Indigenous Education Advisory
- f) Accessibility Advisory

5. Indigenous Education Council

**J. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

- a) BC Games Joint Advocacy Letter

Trustee Dumore reported that while the BC Games provide significant benefits, they also impose substantial costs on the school districts that host them. As a result, a review and restructuring of the funding model is being proposed to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport's. A proposed joint advocacy letter to the Ministry has been prepared by boards of education for School Districts 42, 73, and 67 to address this issue.

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board of Education approve and endorse the proposed advocacy letter to the Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, jointly with School Districts 73 and 67, calling for a review and restructuring of the funding model for the BC Summer and Winter Games.

**CARRIED**

**K. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

BCSTA Bylaw Review

Trustee Liosis had no additional comments.

BCSTA Provincial Council

Trustee Liosis shared that Trustee Murray gave an engaging presentation at the meeting.

District Parent Advisory Council

Trustee Shaw shared that parents of French immersion students are provided an opportunity to learn French.

Ridge Meadows Education Foundation

Trustee Murray had no additional comments.

City of Maple Ridge, Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory

Trustee Murray highlighted the fees and charges adjustments for the coming year.

Ridge Meadows Overdose Community Action Team

Trustee Shaw shared that the winter shelter at the Ridge church will be open until April 30, 2025.

**L. QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions were received.

**M. OTHER BUSINESS**

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved/Seconded**

THAT the Board adjourn the meeting.

**CARRIED**

The Public Board meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.



Elaine Yamamoto, Chairperson



Richard Rennie, Secretary Treasurer