

Presentation: Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) Student Forum

Deputy Superintendent Cheryl Schwarz presented to the board on the October 2024 BIPOC Student Forum, where students focused on three key priority areas: responding to racist incidents, anti-racism education, and student-led change. She also shared school-level, district-level and ministry-level recommendations that emerged from the workshop.

Budget Process

The board approved the following 2025/26 Preliminary Budget Process and Consultation Timeline:

Wednesday, December 4, 2024	<p>Public Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and approval of the Proposed Budget Process and Consultation Timeline
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	<p>Public Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of projected enrolments for 2025/26, 2026/27, 2027/28, 2028/29
Wednesday, February 12, 2025	<p>Public Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation and Board approval of the 2024/25 Amended Annual Budget
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	<p>Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the 2025/26 draft preliminary budget estimates • Consultation with partner groups on budget priorities • Consultation with students on budget priorities
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 *	<p>Indigenous Education Council Budget Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the 2025/26 draft preliminary budget estimates • Co-construct on budget priorities for targeted funds for Indigenous Education • Consultation on budget priorities for non-targeted funds
Wednesday, April 16, 2025	<p>Public Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Proposed 2025/26 Preliminary Budget
Thursday, April 17 to Wednesday, April 23, 2025	<p>Online Budget Survey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online budget survey on the Proposed 2025/26 Preliminary Budget
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 *	<p>Indigenous Education Council Budget Approval and Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the proposed 2025/26 spending plans for targeted funds • Feedback on the Proposed 2025/26 Preliminary Budget for non-targeted funds
Wednesday, April 23, 2025	<p>Finance Committee of the Whole</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public and partner group input on the Proposed 2025/26 Preliminary Budget
Wednesday, April 30, 2025	<p>Public Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 2025/26 Budget Balancing Proposals • Receipt of approved 2025/26 spending plans for targeted Indigenous Education funds • Adoption of the 2025/26 Preliminary Budget

** Note: Timing of meetings with the Indigenous Education Council presented in this timeline is tentative and may change once the Council has been established.*

2024/25 First Quarter Financial Statements

The board approved financial statements for the quarter ended September 30, 2024. The financial statements are available in the December 4, 2024, public agenda package at

<https://www.sd42.ca/assets/media/2024-12-04-Public-Board-Meeting-Agenda-package.pdf>

Trustee Appointments to Committees

The board received for information the Chairperson's trustee appointments to committees for the year ending November 2025. The list of board representatives for 2024/25 can be found on the school district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/trustees/>.

Trustee Liaison/Zones

Chairperson Yamamoto and Superintendent Downs shared with trustees for information their findings regarding the strengths and challenges of a trustee zone liaison model, highlighting important considerations related to this structure.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Downs provided the board with an update on two topics: the district water testing program, including the new labeling system for water sources in school district facilities, and the 2024 Student Learning Survey results. The survey findings will guide the district's efforts to engage with students, better understand the data, and determine next steps for implementation, assessment, and learning.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on January 15, 2025.