

Presentation: Certificate of Recognition (COR) for Occupational Health and Safety

Health, Safety and Wellness Manager Amanda Reber and Director of Human Resources Dana Sirsiris presented to the board on the Certificate of Recognition (COR) awarded to the school district. By achieving COR, employers are able to demonstrate that their health and safety management system has been developed, implemented, and evaluated on an annual basis through comprehensive internal and external audits. The certification has numerous benefits for the school district, including greater staff awareness for safety, safer environments for staff and students, a reduction in worker injuries, and fewer staff shortages.

School Growth Plans

Superintendent Downs shared school growth plans with the board. The goals identified in the school growth plans fall into the five broad categories of equity, literacy, social emotional learning (school culture and climate), numeracy, assessment and reporting, and secondary innovation. The approved growth plans will be posted to individual school websites under the parent tab and are also available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/strategic-plan/>.

Eric Langton Elementary School Utility Right of Way Bylaw 2025

The board approved the *Eric Langton Elementary School Utility Right of Way Bylaw 2025* to grant BC Hydro and TELUS a statutory right of way on the property. This right of way will enable the construction, operation, and maintenance of essential utility infrastructure as part of the seismic replacement and expansion project at Eric Langton Elementary. This approval ensures that critical infrastructure work for the school's redevelopment can proceed without delays.

Board Policy Development Committee

Following a public input process, the board approved proposed changes to *Policy 9430: Physical Restraint and Seclusion in School Settings* and *Policy 9510: Flags of Canada and British Columbia*.

The board also retired *Policy 8220: School Day* in favour of relying directly on existing legislation under the School Act, its regulations, and district calendars for governance. This approach ensures alignment with provincial standards and reduces redundancy in policy documentation.

Finally, the board received for information and continuation of the consultation process the following policies, which are available for review and input on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/policies-procedures-public/>:

- *Policy 4204: Accumulated Surplus*
- *Policy 6530: Environmental Sustainability*
- *Policy 9550: Process for Raising Concerns*
- *Bylaw: Board of Education Appeal Policy and Procedures*

Draft *Policy 3500: Enterprise Risk Management*, which was included in the January 15, 2025, public agenda, was referred back to the board policy development committee for further development.

Chairperson's Update

Chairperson Yamamoto provided a verbal update on board advocacy, highlighting three critical areas identified by the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) as pivotal to improving learning and working conditions for students and staff: staff recruitment, capital and deferred maintenance funding, and inclusive education to support student success. Trustee Yamamoto noted that the Maple Ridge – Pitt

Meadows Board of Education has been highly active in advocacy, introducing an average of four motions at each BCSTA annual general meeting.

Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups

The board received for information an updated list of trustee appointments to committees and community liaison groups for the period ending November 2025. Trustee appointments are listed on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/board-of-education/trustees/>.

Superintendent's Update

Superintendent Downs shared with the board a district highlight video on the SD42 Aircraft Maintenance Engineer trades training program. The highlight and video are available on the district website at <https://www.sd42.ca/district-highlight/students-aircraft-maintenance-engineer/>.

Opioid Education and Response Implementation Report

The board received for information the *Opioid Education and Response Implementation Report*, which fulfills the requirements of a board motion introduced at the October 16, 2024, public meeting. The report outlines plans for the implementation of opioid education and response strategies across the district, including lesson design and delivery and key learning outcomes.

Trustee Motions

The board approved the following motions for submission to the 2025 BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting:

THAT the BCSTA advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to allow MyEd BC to represent multiple primary physical addresses for students to better reflect diverse family circumstances and support schools in staying neutral in matters of custodial arrangements.

THAT the BCSTA establish an ad-hoc working group to conduct an environmental scan of best practices for incorporating Student Voice in board governance across all school districts and develop resources to support boards of education in building capacity within their student voice structures.

THAT the BCSTA requests the Ministry of Education and Child Care to revise the Post-Secondary Institute Transition Rate criteria to include students enrolled in BC public school district "Train in Trades" programs and students transitioning to private training institutions or post-secondary institutions outside of British Columbia.

The next Board of Education meeting will be at 6:00 pm on February 12, 2025.