

**PUBLIC MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

District Education Office
22225 Brown Avenue
Maple Ridge BC V2X 8N6

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr Suess

A G E N D A

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

ITEM 1

1. Territory Acknowledgement
2. Call to Order
3. Correspondence
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda - *Members of the public can provide input on decision items on the public meeting Agenda by emailing board@sd42.ca by no later than 5:30 pm on January 17, 2024. 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.*

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 6, 2023

ITEM 2

C. PRESENTATIONS - /

- 2. Superintendent of Schools
 - a) Superintendent's Update ITEM 6
- 3. Secretary Treasurer
 - a) Secretary Treasurer's Update ITEM 7
- 4. Board Committees & Advisory Committee Reports
 - a) Budget
 - b) Finance
 - c) Facilities Planning
 - d) Board Policy Development
 - e) Education
 - f) Aboriginal Education

H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

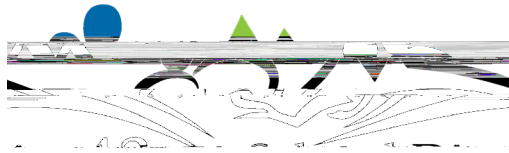
- 1. Trustee Motions:
 - a) Legislative Framework for Voting Student Trustees ITEM 8
 - b) Non-Voting Student Delegates at BCSTA AGM Meetings ITEM 9
 - c) Funding for StrongStart BC Programs ITEM 10
 - d) Student Governance Review ITEM 11
 - e) Special Funding for Adult Graduation Programs at Correctional Centres ITEM 12

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

- 1. BC School Trustees Association
- 2. English Language Learners Consortium ITEM 13

J. QUESTION PERIOD ITEM 14

Question period will be restricted to questions only – statements and debate will not be permitted. Questions, with the exception of



ITEM 2

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Elaine Yamamoto

Re: **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Date: January 17, 2024
(Public Board Meeting)

Decision

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Minutes of the December 6, 2023, Public Board Meeting be approved as circulated.

Attachment

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Wednesday, December 6, 2023 (6:00 PM)
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chairperson – Elaine Yamamoto
Vice Chairperson – Kim Dumore

Superintendent – Harry Dhillon
Secretary Treasurer –

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Invitation for Public Input to matters on the Agenda

F. DECISION ITEMS

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

a) First Quarter Financial Statements

The Secretary Treasurer reported on the First Quarter Financial Statements presented to the Board

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Chairperson

a) Chairperson's Update

The Chairperson reported on the following:

- Trustee's attendance at the 2023 BC School Trustees Association Trustee Academy
- Trustee's visit to one of the school district's new Integrated Child and Youth (ICY) Teams hubs
- Trustee's attendance at an announcement event for a new Youth Emergency Shelter in Maple Ridge

Moved/Seconded

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

CARRIED

b) Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups

The Chairperson presented the list of trustee committee and community liaison group appointments for a period of one year commencing December 6, 2023.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Board receive for information the attached Trustee Appointments to Committees and Community Liaison Groups for a period of one year ending Nov7.9 24B(io)76 (v7.9-6.4 (i)-8.1 8.1 (rp)- Tw 60

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

BCSTA Capital Working Group

Trustee Murray shared highlights from the meeting held on November 23, 2023.

BCSTA Comprehensive School Health Working Group

Trustee Dumore shared highlights from the meeting held on November 25, 2023.

Bylaw Review Committee

Trustee

ITEM 3

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Elaine Yamamoto

Re: **FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAM**

Date: January 17, 2024
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

BACKGROUND:

The following staff have prepared a presentation on the French Immersion Program:

- Jovo Bikic, Assistant Superintendent
- Jennifer Simon, Principal & Coordinator, French Immersion Programs

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the French Immersion Program.

ITEM 4

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Elaine Yamamoto

Re: **EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS**

Date: January 17, 2024
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

BACKGROUND:

The following staff have prepared a presentation on Early Learning Programs:

- David Vandergugten, Assistant Superintendent
- Sue Dhillon, District Principal, Learning Services
- Melanie Scarcella, District Helping Teacher

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on Early Learning Programs.

ITEM 5

To: **Board of Education**

From: Chairperson
Elaine Yamamoto

Re: **2024 BC SUMMER GAMES**

Date: January 17, 2024
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

BACKGROUND:

The following delegations are registered to present on the 2024 BC Summer Games:

- Laura Butler, President, Board of Directors for the 2024 BC Summer Games
- Ernie Daykin, Vice President, Board of Directors for the 2024 BC Summer Games
- Christa Balatti, City of Maple Ridge, Staff Lead for the 2024 BC Summer Games

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive for information the presentation on the 2024 BC Summer Games.

ITEM 6

To: **Board of Education**

From: Superintendent
Harry Dhillon

Re: **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Date: January 17, 2024
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ITEM 7

To: **Board of Education**

From: Secretary Treasurer
Richard Rennie

Re: **SECRETARY TREASURER'S UPDATE**

Date: January 17, 2024
(Public Board Meeting)

Information

RECOMMENDATION:

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

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Hudson Campbell

Re: **TRUSTEE MOTION: LEGISLATIVE
FRAMEWORK FOR VOTING STUDENT
TRUSTEES**

Date: January 17, 2024
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Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The BCSTA, recognizing the importance of student input in effective decision-making, have passed two motions since 2014 advocating for the legislative implementation of Student Trustees:

Motion 18: A201418

That BCSTA request the provincial government to amend the School Act to enable Boards of Education to include student trustees.

Motion 11: A201811

That BCSTA request the provincial government amend the School Act to provide school districts with the discretion to establish Student Trustees and Student Advisory Councils for boards of education.

Since the first BCSTA motion was adopted in 2014, no substantive action has been taken on this matter by the province. Considering the ongoing and heightened threat to children's rights, this proposal aims to strengthen and empower student voices, aligning with Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: "the child who is capable of forming his or her own views (shall be given) the right to express those views freely"¹.

Inspired by the successful model in Ontario dating back to 1977², the introduction of voting student trustees onto BC Boards of Education will provide a platform for gathering student voices and place student trustees on equal footing with "adult" trustees, fostering a more inclusive decision-making process.

In 1995 the Ontario government commissioned a report titled "For the L

subsequent establishment of the Ontario Student Trustees' Association (OSTA) further exemplifies the success of this initiative, where democratically elected student representatives from diverse school systems across the province actively engage in addressing pressing issues and advocating for province-wide changes. While student trustees in BC currently hold a more advisory role, the proposed motion aims to allow for voting members on the board, aligning with the successful aspects of the Ontario model.

Currently, several British Columbian School Boards have implemented non-voting student trustees with success, including SD46 Sunshine Coast⁴, SD08 Kootenay Lake⁵, and SD39 Vancouver⁶. However, the School Act in British Columbia lacks legislative authority to do so.

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To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Gabriel Liosis

Re: **TRUSTEE MOTION: NON-VOTING**

BACKGROUND:

According to the BCSTA Motion Database, the Association has never entertained a motion to implement a framework for student delegates, of any kind, at AGMs. However, BCSTA does harbour general values regarding Student Voice in its foundational statements²:

4.7 FS STUDENT VOICE

BCSTA believes that student voice and input are important to inform and influence Boards of Education in effective decision-making for student learning and success.

4.7.1 P PRINCIPLES OF STUDENT VOICE

BCSTA believes that Boards of Education should:

- a. Provide opportunities for students to be informed of and comment on board policies, initiatives and directives.

- b. Develop a framework to support initiatives such as District Student Leadership Teams, Student Trustees, Student Forums and Student Advisory Councils for the purpose of advising Boards of Education on concerns and issues affecting students.

This Foundational Statement focuses on the role Boards of Education play in fostering effective Student Voice but does not describe any principles to apply to the Association's own governance

as part of the amalgamation of all provincial school boards into an English-language and a French-language board.¹¹

- *New Brunswick*: The New Brunswick Federation of Home and School Associations Inc. does not include non-voting student delegates at AGMs.¹²
- *PEI*: The P.E.I. Home and School Federation (PEIHSF) invites intermediate and senior high students to participate in their Annual Meeting round table discussions as non-voting delegates.¹³
- *Nova Scotia*: The Province of Nova Scotia dissolved Nova Scotia's seven English language School Boards and replaced them with Regional Centres for Education in 2018¹⁴—this shifted responsibility for educational services in Nova Scotia from locally elected boards to a council of administrators appointed directly by the Minister of Education. The Minister is responsible for what they are hearing through the structures within their district.

¹⁵ However, it is worth drawing attention to a few key features of BSSA's existing governance framework. The BCSSA 2012-2015 Strategic Plan places emphasis on a student-centered approach to policy development and decision making, committing to "[the inclusion] of students for student voice and input within BCSSA policies, communications, activities and events" by establishing a formal mechanism.

within the public education sector. This gap underscores an opportunity for the BCSTA to assume a national leadership role in fostering student engagement and representation within

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Kim Dumore

Re: **TRUSTEE MOTION: FUNDING FOR
STRONGSTART BC PROGRAMS**

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BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

To: **Board of Education**

From: Trustee
Hudson Campbell

Re: **TRUSTEE MOTION: STUDENT
GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

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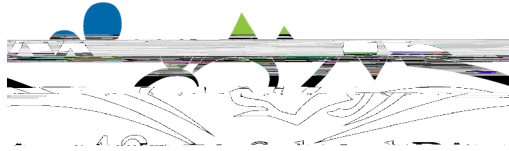
Decision

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Board has committed to “review[ing] the student governance model and ensur[ing] that the model implemented meets student needs and enables student voice engagement on governance matters,”¹ by the end of our term in October 2026. Since the adoption of the Board’s Operational Plan at the March 1st, 2023, Public Board Meeting, a review of the current student governance model has not been initiated. In light of the consistent feedback we’ve received from students and trustees about the current governance model, it becomes evident that a comprehensive examination of our practices is essential to meet the commitment of ensuring increased and meaningful engagement with students.

One key challenge faced by SD42 in fostering effective student engagement lies in the capacity and background knowledge of students to provide comprehensive feedback. Despite various initiatives such as student forums, ad-hoc advisory committees, and budget proposals, it appears that th -6.4 (p)-8.6 (p6 64[(a.9 (i)2.7 (y)5.6 ()-11.2 (c)6.g-10.6 (72.7 (y.4 (o)

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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:

November 15, 2023 Closed

Territory Acknowledgement	
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 2:11 p.m.
Motion of Exclusion	Approved
Approval of Agenda	Approved as circulated
Approval of Minutes	Approved
Superintendent Information Items	Received
Secretary Treasurer Information Item	Received
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m

November 15, 2023 Special Closed

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