



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of decisions and highlights from the Board of Education Meeting held September 27, 2022.

Board Chair Ciel Patenaude acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Northern Secwepemc People.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT TO THE BOARD

Superintendent/Acting Secretary-Treasurer van der Mark reported on the following:

September 6th District Day - all district employees and community partners were invited to join authors [Monique Gray Smith](#) and Phyllis Webstad ([Orange Shirt Society](#)) to continue our conversation and learning about Truth and Reconciliation and how we can use schools to be places of healing.

HOPE
Believing that the future will be better than the present. Having the self determination to make it so.

Holly Zurak @HollyZurak · Sep 23
Our teacher candidates partook in some kickass pro-d today. Their practicum school hosted @CaroleFullerton and then @LeytonSchnell all in one day! Come live, learn and play on our turf. Amazing teaching and learning opportunities (like this) await. @SD27_CC @thompsoniversu



Learning Series - SD27 teaching staff have jumped right into the learning. The September Pro-D featured [Carole Fullerton](#), [Shelley Moore](#), and [Leyton Schnellert](#) as we continued the instructional capacity building that we began last year. Thanks to Ms. Nara Riplinger and the Pro-D team for their efforts supporting and promoting this valuable learning.

Leadership Series - Hosting the first gathering of the teacher leadership group in October. We are looking forward to deepening the conversations that began last year.

Innovation Grants - The call will once again go out for staff/schools to submit proposals for projects that enhance teaching and learning. Successful applicants can get up to \$2000. Projects are then presented at the Education Committee in the Spring. These presentations have been a highlight for the Board over the past 2 years.

Mentorship - We are looking forward to starting the mentorship series for year 1, 2, and 3 teachers. Last year was our first full year of the program and we look forward to continuing this work.

Enrolment Update - We continue to see a steady increase in enrolment. We are currently expecting more than 4850 students when the final count occurs September 30. This would be more than 200 above projections. It is always good to see our communities and schools growing, though it does create some additional staffing pressures. Our HR team has done a phenomenal job working with schools to fill positions, though there are still some unique challenges related to French Immersion and Indigenous Language classes.

The team has also worked tirelessly to resolve any issues that have emerged, creating waitlists due to overdemand in some locations. Thank you to the parents and families who have been patient and understanding throughout these challenges.

We will review final enrolment numbers in October.

“Learning, Growing and Belonging Together”



Elections - [Congratulations](#) to our 6 returning trustees who ran unopposed in their respective ridings. The Board has overseen significant changes over their term, beginning with a special advisor, re-establishing an understanding of governance, and working with senior staff to ensure the focus of our work is on improving outcomes for students. They have had to do this work during 2 and a half years of a pandemic. We appreciate their gentle, thoughtful, and humble commitment to students and families of SD#27.



Special thanks to Ms. Alexis Walch for her work this past term. Alexis did not seek reelection but served for the past 2 years as the Chair of the Education Committee, highlighting the work being done in schools and across the district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy – September meeting was canceled

Finance and Facilities & Transportation –

Finance and Facilities & Transportation committee brought forward two recommendations. The first was for the THAT the Board approve the allocation of \$1.2M from the operating surplus to local capital and the second was Board approve the minor capital submission for 2023-24.

Education –

Assistant Superintendent Lenardon presented the Districts [Framework for Enhanced Student Learning](#) report to the Board and public.

Information Items –

The 2021-2022 Audited Financial Statements were presented to the Board and public.

Next Board of Education Meeting – October 25, 2022

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