



BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The following is a summary of decisions and highlights from the Board of Education Meeting held January 25, 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 van der Mark prefaced his report with the following message:

“Thank you to parents and community for your understanding with the delayed return following Christmas. We understand, it was not ideal for many families. We also appreciate the thought and work our staff engaged in to prepare for the return of students and the continuing changing landscape of the pandemics.”



- **Indigenous Drumming** – Shout out to our schools and community partners for organizing welcome back drumming for staff and students at eleven schools after the break.
- **COVID-19 Update** – Government announced significant changes in how cases would be reported, including the ending of school exposure notices. On January 17 the Provincial Health Officer announced an order that will allow Medical Health Officers to gather information from school districts if required. There are no immediate changes to operations in SD27. We will continue to work closely with Interior Health as needed.
- **Kindergarten Registration** – A reminder to families with children who will turn five years old by December 31, 2022, you can now register at your catchment area school. More information is on the [District Website](#).
- **Atrieve Implementation** – The District has been engaged in an extensive modernization of its finance, payroll, and human resources systems. While there have been a few bumps, we are starting to see significant improvements and efficiencies. Special thanks to staff for their leadership.
- **Amended Annual Budget** – The Board must submit its amended budget to the Ministry by Feb. 8, 2022. Prior to submission, three readings of the budget bylaw must be read. The Board received a quarterly financial report as well as the amended budget. Two readings will be done at the January meeting and the third in February.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Policy Committee – Trustee Forbes provided the report from the January 11 meeting. The Board passed the following motions:

- [Policy 325 – School Fees](#) approved
- [Policy 750 – Child Care Providers](#) approved
- Policy 6120 – Challenge repealed as content is covered through the Ministry of Ed.

Finance and Facilities & Transportation – Trustee Delainey provided the report from the January 11 meeting which included the following:

- Covid-19 Update
- Transfinder | Catchment Maps
- Financial Update
- 100 Mile Jr. Demolition Update
- Calendar ([view the draft calendars](#))
- SD27 Featured in [IBM Magazine](#)



Education Committee – Trustee Walch provided the report from the meeting on January 12:

- [District Achievement Update](#)
- Strategic Plan Update
- Field trips approvals
- GROW Update



Check out Strategic Planning Information on the [District Website](#)

READING FILE

Board correspondence included a letter of thanks to Ms. Pugh’s class at Horse Lake Elementary for their significant feedback on the *Animals in Schools Policy*.

To read full Board and Committee Reports, view the agenda on the [District Website](#).

Next Board of Education Meeting – February 22, 2022

“Learning, Growing and Belonging Together”