
Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held January 10, 2024

BAA Caring Careers Sampler

Ryan Massey, Maggie Allison, and Shari Hambrook presented the draft BAA Caring Careers Sampler for Board approval. The district was awarded Ministry funding to develop a Care Economy-focused BAA Course Framework and design a Course Guide to supplement and enhance the BAA Course Framework that will be made available to districts and teachers province-wide. The curriculum design team met daily this fall and held a World Cafe Event to refine, distill, supplement, and organize the learning outcomes, create the Big Ideas, Curricular Competencies, Content, and Elaborations for the course, as per the Ministry of Education and Child Care's BAA Course Framework requirements.

The Board approved the Board/Authority Authorized Caring Careers Sampler 11 course which GISS plans to offer to students in the Fall.

Draft Calendar Feedback: The Board reviewed feedback on the [draft school calendars for 2025/26 and 2026/2027](#). The calendars will be considered for approval at the February 14th meeting of the board in public.

Phoenix Elementary School Site Uses: The Board instructed staff to collect and present possible uses for the Phoenix Elementary School site at an upcoming meeting.

GISS Playing Fields: The Board of Education instructed staff to report on the annual maintenance costs of the GISS playing fields on February 14, 2024.

School District Completion Rates: Scott Benwell reported that for the first time in recorded history, School District No. 64 is at a [100% completion rate](#).

Finances: The monthly operating expense report indicates expenses are currently 1.1% under budget. The Board approved signing authority changes to the Education Trust Fund and Operational Bank Accounts. The draft 2023/2024 Amended Annual Budget will be posted on the [district website](#) in advance of the February meeting where it will be presented for Board approval.

Schools Food Infrastructure Program Proposal: The Board of Education approved the Food Infrastructure Program Proposal submitted to the Ministry for funding for appliance replacements and kitchen renovations across the district.

Policy Committee: Bylaw #2 Board Procedures received first reading and will be circulated for consultation. The Board repeals Policy and Procedure 3800 Animals in the Classroom in favour of an Administrative Practice.

Notice of Motion was given for the adoption of the following draft policies: 1.30 Trustee Code of Conduct, 1.31 Addressing Breaches of the Code of Conduct, and 1.32 Trustee Conflict of Interest. The policies will be posted on the [district website](#), circulated feedback, and will be considered for adoption at the February 14, 2024, meeting of the board in public.