



Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held April 12, 2023

SEEC Presentation (Adrian Pendergast)

Adrian Pendergast shared an overview of SEEC program and its foundational pillars: science for the environment, living outdoor education, and becoming community.

Board Chairperson's Report

- Rise and Report will become a standing item on the public agenda for sharing information when possible from the in-camera meeting. The district continues to see improvement in student success but has much work to do for equity across all vulnerable student groups. More information can be found in the *Aboriginal Students: How Are We Doing?* report, as well as the [Ministry's interactive student success website](#).
- Trustees recently attended the Spring VISTA Conference and February Provincial Council meetings as part of their ongoing professional learning and representation.
- A Special Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for May 15 to continue the work to renew the Strategic Plan. The current plan will be extended if additional time is needed.

Inclusive Education Outreach: SD64 is being held up across the province for practices in student assessment, data use (IPASS), and CBIEPs to focus on strengths and supports and tracking student progress to impact student success. The district is also training [POPFASD](#) in PATHS facilitation to support our most vulnerable students.

International Program Fees: 2024-2025: The Board approved an increase in the fee schedule for Gulf Islands International Student Program Fees for the 2024/25 school year.

Staffing and Enrolment: Staffing and enrolment projections remain consistent from last year as schools begin to prepare for September. Staff were directed to explore options for delivery of French Programming at Pender Islands School consistent with the current configuration of the district.

Automated Dispatch: The district is moving to an automated dispatch system to be implemented in May. Training is being provided to help with the transition.

K-12 Reporting: The Ministry's new [Reporting Policy Framework](#) will be fully implemented for the 2023/2024 school year. Many of the reporting requirements are already in practice across the district. Of specific note, students in Grades K to 9 will no longer receive letter grades, but instead be assessed on the provincial proficiency scale.

Financial Reports:

- a. The monthly operating expense report summary for February and March indicates expenses are currently 1.5% under budget.
- b. The board passed the Amended Capital Plan Bylaw for 2022-23 and the Capital Plan Bylaw for 2023-2024. Projects include: HVAC upgrades at SSE, supplemental funding for the purchase of electric buses, accessible washrooms at GISS, Pender, and Saturna school, and an accessible playground at Fulford.

Policy Committee:

- The Board presented Notice of Motion to adopt amendments to Procedure 525 Residential Catchment Areas and Policy and Procedure 410 Student Transportation at the June 14th Board meeting. These will be circulated and posted on the [district website](#) for feedback.
- The Board adopted amendments to Procedure. Procedure 120 Board Committees and Policy 525 Residential Catchment (attendance) Areas [\(to be updated on the district website\)](#).