



## Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held December 14, 2022

### *Correspondence*

The Human Rights Commissioner has requested that all Boards of Education suspend Police Officer Liaison Programs until research can be done regarding potential negative impact on students. District staff have spoken with local RCMP detachments and with principals to limit the social activities and interactions with students in schools.

### *Board Meetings Formats*

Trustees considered accessibility to meetings and discussed the benefits and challenges to holding hybrid meetings (in-public with ZOOM access). The decision was made to continue with the current schedule that provides a balance of options: in-person meetings for regular scheduled board meeting days, and virtual meetings for all-day committee day meetings.

**Mayne Island Trustee:** Deborah Luporini was appointed by the Minister of Education and Child Care as the new trustee for Mayne Island (Area 4).

### *Staffing and Enrolment*

Staffing imbalances will continue to be a challenge for schools, especially with larger school populations due to reconfiguration and historical high numbers of cross-boundary registrations. It may become necessary in the future to consider mid-year teacher transfers to address any significant imbalances.

### *2021/2022 Completion Rates*

The recently published completion rates sees continued improvement for SD64 students. The district has now surpassed the provincial averages for Indigenous students (85%) and all resident students (93%). Although a discrepancy between Indigenous student rates and all student rates still exists across the province, the gap for Gulf Islands students is closing. These results are published on the [.](#)

**Monthly Financial Report:** The monthly operating expense report indicates expenses are currently within budget.

### *Drake Road Steering Committee*

The CRD is requesting the district grant an easement for BC Housing to access a well on district property behind Phoenix Elementary School and drilling permissions for a new well on the property for development of a planned supportive housing project. As part of the requested agreement, the CRD will license back the district's access to a small portion of the school's basketball court that is on CRD property. The request will be further considered by the Board at its in-camera meeting on January 11.

### *Policy Committee*

- a) Procedure 120 Board Committees was amended to reduce the minimum number of standing committee meetings while abolishing HR committee, include budgets for working committees, and update references to Indigenous Education. Draft amendments will be circulated for feedback to be considered at the Policy Committee meeting on February 22, 2023. The Board presented a Notice of Motion for adoption of the amended procedure at the April 12, 2023 public meeting.
- b) Staff will draft a Terms of Reference for the formation of a working group that includes diverse community and partner representation to review and revise Diversity Policy and Procedure.