



Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held February 9, 2022

Draft 3-Year Calendar

The Board voted to adopt a three year calendar for [2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25](#). The calendar will be sent to the Ministry for approval. As required under the [School Act](#), final approved calendars will be shared with staff and families and posted on the district website before May 30th.

Vaccine Policy

The Board will not be taking action towards a vaccine mandate at this time and will reconsider this item if circumstances change.

Planning for 2022/2023

- Preliminary enrolment estimates indicate a decrease of approximately 15 students for next year. Projected enrolment and early identified school needs mark the beginning of the annual staffing cycle.
- The district is [posting the position of GISS principal](#). Current principal Lyall Ruehlen will move to a full-time district principalship responsible for developing the district's online learning program (64GO) in addition to growing district careers, trades, and international programs and assuming a district supervisory role in Occupational Health and Safety.
- Schools will be working with staff and PACs on the EPIC school plans. The EPIC framework of school planning and achievement grants ensures that structures and resources will be place and ready to action for the start of the new school year.

Rapid Antigen At-Home Tests

The district has received rapid antigen at-home tests from the Ministry for distribution to SD64 staff. The Ministry will be providing the district with at-home tests for all SD64 students in K to 12. At-home testing serves as an additional layer of protection to support staff and student wellbeing and the continuity of learning.

Financial Reports

- The January financial report indicates the district is currently within 1.7% of budget.
- The Board passed three reading of the Amended Budget Bylaw and approved the 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget. The amended Budget Bylaw will be posted to the Board's [finance page](#) of the district website.

Long Term Parking Near GISS: The district is working with Highways and RCMP to find a solution to long-term parking of recreational vehicles in front of GISS (beside the field). Because the vehicles are registered, they cannot be removed by RCMP. Signage is being considered.

Drake Road Housing: BC Housing is moving forward with a supportive housing development on Drake Road. The property was donated by the district to the CRD 10 years ago for the purpose of affordable housing. District staff and the Phoenix Elementary School Principal will be meeting with BC Housing to discuss construction timelines.

Pender Transportation: Pender Islands School currently has one school bus. The district has purchased a 15-passenger van as a backup that can also be used for field trips, school sports and other school-related activities.

Education Committee: The district has begun the self-assessment of its Framework for Enhancing Student Learning as part of the Provincial peer assessment process. More information regarding the Framework, can be found on [the website](#).