



Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held February 8, 2023

TASK and Scholarship Presentation (Maggie Allison)

Maggie Allison shared an overview of the [Trades Awareness, Skills, and Knowledge program](#) operating out of the 64 Learning Hub. She also spoke to the work of the [scholarship program](#) around equity in process and principle that addresses an assurance of fairness, equal access, and inclusion for all students.

BCPSEA AGM

D'Arcy Deacon and Trustee Lucas attended the recent BCPSEA AGM. Topics covered at the AGM included trustee conflict of interest, case law and arbitration updates, support staff bargaining, labour relations, and trustee communications.

Requests to Serve

In accordance with policy 3100, the Board approved the Mayne Island Assisted Living Society request to serve alcohol on Mayne Island school grounds on March 18, 2023.

Staffing and Enrolment

The spring staffing process is under way with schools compiling their projected enrolment for September. The district is close to finalizing the agreement with CUPE for a cost sharing initiative for Education Assistant certification (contact D'Arcy Deacon or Angela Thomas for more information).

Racial Equity Together – K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan

The Ministry has released its action plan for K-12 Anti-Racism to address racial inequities in the public school system. This plan complements the work already being undertaken in this district and will help inform practice to remove barriers that contribute to inequity in public education.

Financial Reports:

- a. The monthly operating expense report summary indicates 0.4% over budget. This is a result of all retroactive pay showing on the monthly expense side, while the annual budget does not include this retro-pay expense. The expense is accounted for in the draft amended annual budget.
- b. The board updated its banking signing authorities due to the upcoming parental leave of the Secretary Treasurer.
- c. The draft 2022/2023 Annual Amended Budget was presented and the bylaw received 2nd and 3rd reading and approval. The 2022/2023 Amend Annual Budget will be posted on the [Board Finance page](#) of the district website.

Education Committee

AI Chatbots was the sole agenda item for the morning's Education Committee meeting. Discussion centred on implications of use in the classroom setting, and the challenges, concerns, and opportunities that new and enhanced digital technologies, like Chat GPT bring.