



## Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held May 11, 2022

### ***Anti-Racism Advocacy Working Group Report***

Representatives of the Anti-Racism Advocacy Working Group (Hughson Welch, Sharyn Carroll, and Boe Beardsmore) presented the working group report and next steps. The group has developed policy/procedures as well as a survey tool to help identify barriers, prioritize anti-racism education efforts, and support staff in targeted strategies to grow awareness and capacity. The group plans to further develop anti-racism resources, enhance opportunities for learning, provide modeling and mentorship, and increase anti-racism communications.

### ***Field Trip Approvals***

The Board approved two moderate risk field trips: SEEC students will have the opportunity to visit the Hakai Institute and study at the world-class ecological research facilities on BC's central coast. The GISS rowing team have qualified for the Canadian Secondary School Rowing Championships and will be traveling to St. Catharines, Ontario at the end of this month to compete.

***Board Meetings and Schedule:*** The [2022/2023 Board Meetings Schedule](#) was adopted. The public meetings schedule was adjusted to accommodate trustee elections (no Board meetings in October). The Board made the decision to resume with in-person meetings. The June Board meeting will be held at the School Board Office. Committee Day meetings will continue to be held via ZOOM.

***Strategic Plan Renewal Process:*** The Board will begin the process for renewing its Strategic Plan. The district will contract a facilitator to lead the process and engage the new Board in the fall.

***GISPA Fees 2022/2023:*** The Board approved GISPA program fees of \$1,500 for the 2022/23 school year. The amount is consistent with pre-COVID fees.

***Staffing:*** The district has filled the position of Vice-Principal for SEEC. Staff continue to work with schools to determine staffing and configuration needs. The deadline for notifying teachers of layoff/recall is this week.

### ***Financial Reporting and Draft Budget:***

- The April financial report indicates the district is currently within 1.6% of this year's budget.
- The Secretary Treasurer presented an overview of the draft 2022/2023 Annual Budget. The Annual Budget will be presented for approval at the June public meeting of the Board.

***Sick Leave Legislation:*** New legislation provides casual/on-call employees access to 5 days of paid sick leave. The benefit is only applicable to those who have worked at least 90 days and is payable on average earnings of the last 30 days of employment.

***Chief Elections Officer:*** The Board appointed Jesse Guy as Chief Elections Officer to conduct the upcoming school trustee elections in October.

***Policy Committee Report:*** (draft policies/procedure/Bylaw in the [May 11, 2022 board agenda package](#)). Notices of Motion were presented for the following policies and procedure to be circulated for feedback and consideration at the June 8, 2022 public Board meeting:

- New Policy and Procedure 217 Anti Racism
- Amended Policy 611 Accumulated Operating Surplus / New Policy 610 Financial Planning and Reporting
- Amended Bylaw 1 Election Procedures received 1<sup>st</sup> reading. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading requested for June.