



Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held June 14, 2023

Correspondence and Delegations: The Board received an email from the BIPOC Community Collective expressing their concerns with the Board's decision to conclude the Anti-racism Working Group and continue with the work in alignment with the Ministry's K-12 Anti-Racism Action Plan. A delegation from the BIPOC Community Collective presented their concerns to the Board. Retiring principal Brenda Lepine spoke to her time working at Galiano Community School with gratitude and the Grade 2/3 class recited a Hul'q'umi'num poem.

Board Chairperson's Report

- The Board adopted its [meeting schedule for the 2023/2024 school year](#).
- Staff will present a summary of the programs and initiative relating to Diversity, Anti-Racism, Equity, Inclusion, and Truth and Reconciliation at the October Board meeting.
- The Board approved requests from the Galiano Activity Centre Society (Todd Wolfe Memorial Soccer Tournament, Aug. 26) and the Mayne Island Lions (dinner and dance, Nov. 18) to serve alcohol on school premises for their planned event.

Superintendent's Report:

- With additional French Programs funding from the Ministry, the district will seek to offer French Immersion programming on Pender Islands School next year for students in grades 5-7.
- The Board approved the [school fees schedule for the 2023/2024](#) school year.
- Staffing for next year sees an increase in Education Assistant positions to meet the needs of students, although filling them all remains a challenge. A new position for an Anti-Racism Student Advocate is being developed and staff are working to define the role and scope.
- The [Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People \(DRIPA\) Action Plan](#) is rooted in legislation and will create action items for the Ministry of Education and Child Care and therefore the District.

Financial Reports, Budget and Capital Plans:

- The monthly operating expense report summary for May indicates expenses are currently 0.5% under budget. The 2023/24 Annual Budget Bylaw for \$30,671,242 received 3 readings and was approved. The annual budget includes investment of Funding Protection funding for district infrastructure, professional learning, FESL supports, tech renewal, and white fleet. The approved budget will be posted [on the district website](#).
- The 2024/2025 5-year capital plan, major submission was approved. The plan prioritizes seismic upgrades for SSE, Fernwood, Mayne Island, and Pender Islands Schools.

Carbon Neutral Report: The district has submitted its annual Climate Change Accountability Report which will be available on the [Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy website](#).

New Spaces Funds: The district has received a \$2.6M grant for construction of additions to Saturna School to create dedicated multi-age child care spaces.

Feeding Futures Fund: The district will receive \$350,000 for the 2023/24 school year as part of a multi-year Ministry funding commitment to increase food security through school food programs that support students who need it most. There are provisions in the first year of funding to allow districts to plan and acquire the infrastructure to ensure long term success of the program.

Hydro Field: With a donation from a private benefactor to enhance women's fastpitch infrastructure, the district will proceed, in partnership with the CRD, to undertake improvements to the hydro field.



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Held at Galiano Community School**

Policy Committee: The Board approved amendments to policies and procedures that were in circulation for feedback with Notices of Motion presented at previous public meetings of the Board. The following will be updated and posted on the [district website](#):

- Policy 1.50 Policy Development and Currency was adopted and the old policy/procedure 135 were repealed.
- Policy/Procedure 410 Student Supervision and Procedure 525 Residential Catchment were adopted with additional language that recognizes French Immersion on Pender Islands School.
- Policy 2.50 Public Interest Disclosure/Whistleblower Protection was adopted and the old policy/procedure 132 were repealed.
- Bylaw No 3 School Act Section 11 Appeals Procedures received 2nd and 3rd reading and was adopted.

The Board will update policies related to Diversity in alignment with the recommendations contained in the Diversity Policy Working Group report.