
Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held September 13, 2023

Board Chairperson's Report

- The [Superintendent job posting](#) is live. The call closes October 10 at 3 p.m. and shortlisted candidates will be interviewed November 2 & 3.
- The district received a report from the BC Ombudsperson's office for the period July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. The BC Ombudsperson did not investigate the one complaint received.
- Trustees considered accessibility to meetings and discussed the benefits and challenges to holding hybrid meetings (in-public with ZOOM access). The Board is acting on this process.

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning: The 2023/2024 EPIC school plans were received by the Board as part of the district's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. The September 2023 Enhancing Student Learning Report was approved by the Board. The report and school plans will be posted on the [Strategic Planning and Direction](#) page of the district website soon.

Staffing and Enrolment: Most vacancies have been filled and current staffing levels align with projected enrolment. The new position of Racial Equity and Anti Racism Coordinator has been filled. We are pleased to offer this position in a district our size.

Phoenix Elementary School Closure: The Board passed a motion to begin the 60-day [consultation process](#) for the closure of Phoenix Elementary School. The Board will consider passing a school closure bylaw at a special public meeting at 9:00 am Monday, November 13.

Framework Day: This year's Framework Day will take place Friday, September 22. The morning session of the site-based non-instructional day will be held via ZOOM with the Honourable Steven Point giving the keynote presentation. This day will focus on Indigenous Education, enhancing student achievement, and integrating Indigenous work views and perspective into learning environments.

Accessibility Plan: Accessible B.C. Act passed into law in June 2021 with a purpose to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to accessibility. The school district is required to establish an Accessibility Working Group, create an Accessibility Plan, gather data and identify barriers. More information is available on the [Accessibility Plan](#) page of the district website.

Financial Reports, Budget and Capital Plans

- The external audit of the 2022/2023 financial statements revealed no issues of concern and the district received a clean audit opinion. The Board approved the 2022/2023 Financial Statements. A fully signed copy of the 2022/2023 Financial Statements and accompanying Analysis Report will soon be posted to the [Finance page](#) of the district website.
- The Board approved the 5-year capital plan minor submission for 2024/2025. A full summary of the 5-year plan is included in the [September 2023 Public Board Meeting Agenda Package](#).
- Scott Benwell reported on the projects undertaken by Facilities during the summer. Some projects are still in progress. The complete list is included in the [September 2023 Public Board Meeting Agenda Package](#).

Committee of the Whole: The Board agreed to form a smaller subcommittee of two to three trustees to wordsmith draft revisions to the Strategic Plan, hoping to have the work finished and approved by December or early in the new year.