



## Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held January 12, 2022

### ***Draft 3-Year Calendar Feedback***

The Board received feedback on the draft three consecutive year calendar for [2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25](#). Board will consider adopting the calendar at its February 9, 2022 public meeting.

### ***Vaccine Policy***

The Board will continue to gather information. No timelines have been established regarding a decision whether or not to adopt a vaccine policy.

### ***District Communications Plan***

A district communications strategy has been developed as a proactive approach to planning and execution of district communications. The strategy aligns with district priorities and will be posted on the [district website](#).

### ***2020/2021 Six-Year Completion Rates***

SD64 continues to see improvements in grad completion rates. Of specific note is parity for Indigenous students. Check out [Spotlight64](#) to learn more.

### ***FESL Self-Assessment***

The Board will undertake a self and peer assessment of its Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. This work will be done primarily through the Education Committee.

### ***Bargaining***

The 2022 round of local teacher bargaining is now underway.

### ***COVID-19 and Functional School Closures***

Students returned to school after a one-week delay that provided schools time to plan and prepare for potential school closures. A functional closure (determined by the district) would occur in the event of insufficient staff to operate the school safely. A health closure (determined by Public Health) would occur when higher than expected student absences are reported due to COVID related illness. A transportation closure (district determined) would see schools remaining open, but specific transportation routes cancelled due to lack of staff. More information can be found on the [district](#) and [Ministry websites](#).

### ***Monthly Financial Report***

Monthly financial reports for November and December show district spending 1.6% within budget, with slightly higher than expected expenses through operations and transportation. Instruction and administration expenses were reported lower than expected for this time of the year. Spending trends are being monitored.

### ***Executive Compensation Disclosure***

2020/2021 Executive Compensation Disclosure Reports for BC public school districts are [now available](#).

### ***LOU7 Seamless Day***

LOU7, the agreement with CUPE regarding the operationalization of the Seamless Day pilot program at Fulford School, has been finalized and submitted to the Ministry.



***SIMS South Wing Plan (2021/22 and 2022/23)***

Island Health is leasing part of the top floor of the south wing annex building for vaccination clinics. The district plans to set space aside for Learning Services and meeting rooms as well as use the lower floor for TASK, career programs, and SSE music and band. The district is considering renaming the building and will be developing a process for that.

***Bus Route Adjustments***

As part of the saving measures identified during configuration review, bus routes on Salt Spring Island are being assessed in an effort to reduce the number of routes by one. This change may be implemented earlier than September 2022 if practical, should pressures increase due to bus driver shortage.

***Policy and Procedure External Review***

The district is commencing a comprehensive review of its policies and procedures. An external consultant has been hired to undertake this work.

***Policy Committee***

Amendments to Procedure 215 Diversity, Procedure 6850 Public Use of School/District Property (including forms 1, 2, 4, and 5), and Policy 6550 Trustee Remuneration and Expenses were considered. Draft amendments will be circulated to employees and partner groups for feedback and reviewed by the Policy Committee on February 23, 2022. Notices of Motion were presented and approval of amendments will be considered by the Board at the April 13, 2022 public meeting.