



## Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held January 11, 2023

### *Strategic Plan Review Summary*

As part of the review/renewal process, each trustee completed a review of the [Strategic Plan](#) that is set to expire this June. A summary report was included in the January [board meeting package](#). Work on the Strategic Plan renewal will continue in Committee of the Whole (next meeting February 22, 2023).

**Requests to Serve:** The Board approved two community requests to serve alcohol on school grounds in accordance with policy 3100: May Long Weekend Soccer Tournament at GISS May 19-22, and Mayne Island Volunteer Firefighters fundraiser at Mayne Island School on February 11.

### *Staffing and Enrolment*

The staffing process is underway for the next school year starting with the opening of [Kindergarten registration](#). In a shared effort to help fill the need for more education assistants, the district and CUPE local 788 have agreed to a cost-sharing initiative to support CUPE members with the expense of EA training and certification. Interested employees should contact CUPE president [Angela Thomas](#) or Associate Superintendent [D'Arcy Deacon](#) for more information.

**District Communications Plan Review:** A [one year review](#) of the district's [Communications Strategy](#) was presented. Improvements to website navigation and information sharing initiatives including Spotlight64 and Board Meeting Highlights have been well-received by partner groups and the school district community.

**Financial Reports:** The monthly operating expense report indicates expenses are currently within budget. The draft 2022/2023 Annual Amended Budget was presented and the bylaw received first reading. The draft amended budget will be posted on the [Board Finance page](#) of the district website. The Board will hear 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings for approval at the February 8<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

**Electric School Bus:** The [first SD64 electric school bus](#) is now on the road and serving route 6 on Salt spring Island. A second electric bus will join the fleet as soon as work is completed on a larger charging station.

### *Committee Reports*

- a) The Finance Audit and Facilities Committee: the committee was presented with an analysis of the financial realities and impacts to discretionary spending directly related to the choice to provide student transportation services. An analysis and overview of the amended annual budget was shared for discussion in advance of the public meeting and 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the bylaw.
- b) Policy 525 Attendance Areas was amended to reflect current catchment areas. [Draft amendments](#) will be circulated for feedback to be considered at the Policy Committee meeting on February 22, 2023. The Board presented a Notice of Motion for adoption of the amended policy at the April 12, 2023 public meeting.
- c) The Terms of Reference for the Diversity Policy Review Working Committee was adopted. The Committee will be formed with representation from community, partner groups, and students to advise the Policy Committee on diversity policy and procedural amendments.
- d) The Board approved the CRD's request to establish an easement for well access and new drilling permissions on Phoenix School property, subject to legal assurance that the district will not be exposed to future liability related to the agreed to access. Remaining Drake Road Transfer funds will be used for communications regarding the current work on Drake Road and how it supports the original purpose of the land donation for affordable housing that benefits the school district and community.