



Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held June 8, 2022

FESL Review

The district has completed the Option 2 Review of its Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. A summary report provided by the Ministry will inform the district's next Enhancing Student Learning Report and the Strategic Plan renewal.

Board Meeting Format

The Board considered possibilities and implications of hosting hybrid meetings (in-person/virtual). The district will look at enhancing audio-visual equipment, where needed at each school.

Requests to the Board

1. The Board approved the Galiano Activity Centre Soccer Association request to serve alcohol on Galiano School grounds during the annual Todd Wolf Memorial Soccer Tournament August 2, 2022.
2. The Board received a letter submitted by former GISS students regarding fossil fuel curriculum designed by Fortis BC and marketed to BC schools.

Staffing

Teacher layoff and recall processes are complete. EA selection took place June 2. Remaining Education Assistant and Teacher vacancies, including TTOC postings, are available on the [district website](#).

School Fees: School Fees for 2022/2023 were approved and are now available on [the district website](#).

Financial Reporting and Draft Budget:

- the May financial report indicates the district is currently within 1.3% of this year's amended budget. Higher than anticipated electricity and propane expenses in May (and anticipated for June) were attributed to Merv13 filters and heating with open windows to maintain 100% outdoor air circulation.
- the 5yr capital plan – major submissions was approved and includes seismic upgrades
- the [Draft 2022/2023 Budget](#) was presented, received 3 readings and was adopted.

Transportation

After careful consideration of the feedback received, the transportation department has redesigned Salt Spring Island bus routes for next year to prioritize in-school catchment area riders. Bell schedules at GISS, SSE, and Phoenix Elem will be adjusted to complement the new and revised routes, shorten wait times before and after school, and support French Immersion and cross-boundary bus and water taxi riders to arrive on-time (or near on-time). Total bus routes will be reduced from eight to six, alleviating staffing pressure and meeting configuration savings commitments while maintaining or improving service for the majority of in-catchment riders.

Policy Committee Report (draft policies/procedure/Bylaw in the [June 8, 2022 board agenda package](#))

Notices of Motion presented for amendments to policy and procedure 525 Attendance Areas. The following policies, procedure and Bylaw were approved/adopted. Updates will be posted on the [district website](#).

- 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