



Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held September 14, 2022

Rainbow Road Signage: The district has requested better speed limit/school zone signage along Rainbow Road. Highways has posted no parking signs on the road by GISS. Signage is also needed by the Board office and SIMS buildings regarding access and parking.

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (report and school plans)

The 2022/2023 EPIC school plans were received by the Board as part of the district's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning. The September 2022 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 district anticipates being slightly above spring projected enrolment; however, student numbers have shifted between some school on Salt Spring Island with changes to neighbourhood registrations and non-neighbourhood requests.

2021/2022 FSA Results: The district continues to see high rates of participation and percentages students meeting/exceeding expectations on the [FSA 4 and 7](#). Achievement rates are significantly above the provincial average at both grade levels for numeracy skills assessment and for literacy skills assessment.

Framework Day

Framework Day will take place Friday, September 23rd. The morning session of the site-based day will be held via ZOOM with Kendal Netmaker to give the keynote presentation. In the afternoon, staff will work together on school plans. A restorative practices workshop (via ZOOM) is being offered to School PAC and DPAC members in the afternoon as well. Agenda and invites will be shared with schools.

Facilities Summer Work: A capital project upgrade to the septic upgrades at Saturna School was completed this summer. Work on lighting upgrades at Fulford and Saturna and renovations to the GISS gym are not yet complete.

Ministry Funding

- a) In keeping with the Ministry of Education and Child Care's mandate to increase access to child care, the Board carried a motion to adopt a mixed-model approach to providing child care. The district will proceed with licensing spaces to operate child care facilities internally, while continuing to partner with local child care providers when practical.
- b) The district will be applying for New Spaces Funding to add a third room to Saturna School for an early learning and StrongStart space.
- c) The Ministry of Education and Child Care has announced one-time funding for schools to support families and students impacted by hardship.

5-Year Minor Capital Plan: The board approved the 5-year minor capital plan submission for 2023/2024. Planned projects include seismic upgrades, universal washrooms, roof replacement and other school enhancement upgrades. A full summary of the 5-year plan is included in the [September 2022 Public Board Meeting Agenda Package](#).

2021/2022 Financial Statements

The external audit of the 2021/2022 financial statements found no issues of note and the district received a clean audit report. The Board approved the 2021/2022 financial statements. A fully signed copy of the 2021/2022 Financial Statements and accompanying Analysis Report will be posted to the [Finance page](#) of the district website.