

School District 72 Board News

MEETING OF
FEB.28, 2023

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Chairperson Remarks

Vice-Chair Craig Gillis opened the meeting expressing Chairperson Kat Eddy's regret that she was unable to attend.

He continued by sharing that he had recently attended the BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) provincial council meeting and was honoured to represent SD72. Provincial council draws together one representative from each school district and has been in existence since 1987, meeting three times a year to ensure the interests of all school boards are represented in the governance of the BCSTA.

He said that his attendance reminded him that throughout the diverse areas of this province, school boards meet each month to develop strategic plans and find ways to best promote student achievement.

In closing, he shared that provincial council heard updates from the Ministry of Education and Child Care, voted on motions, and attended information sessions on current issues.

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Superintendent Remarks

Superintendent Jeremy Morrow started his comments by recognizing the work of the district's transportation department and how they safely transport students each day (and in all sorts of conditions given the recent snowfall) while taking pride in also meaningfully connecting with students.

He shared with the board that all members of the district's leadership team (principals, vice-principals, exempt staff, senior management team) have been participating in anti-racism response training program, to-date completing three of five sessions.

An experiential, Canadian-based anti-racism series has introduced historical legacies of racism in this country, provided an overview of key definitions and concepts, and is offering specific and useful tools to appropriately respond to instances of racism.

He continued his remarks by also sharing that the calendar committee has developed proposed calendars for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 school years and invited parents and community members to provide feedback that will allow the district to respond to potential issues or concerns.

Starting in 2024-2025, the proposed calendar has split up two full pro-d days to four half-days so that educators can more regularly collaborate and have professional learning.

The calendars will be posted on the district website and feedback can be sent to calendar@sd72.bc.ca by March 10.

Superintendent Morrow ended his remarks by stating what a pleasure it has been to connect with students on behalf of the board and hear their thoughts on the district's next strategic plan.

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Board Adopts Amended Budget for 2022-2023

The board voted to approve the amended budget of \$81,189,374 for 2022-2023.

The total budget revenue is \$79,762,100 while the budgeted costs are \$80,719,374 resulting in an overall deficit of \$637,703. However, the amended budget reflects updated costs for the recent wage settlements with teachers, support staff and excluded staff, but doesn't include the funding grant



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for the CUPE settlement because it hasn't been received yet from the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

The amended budget includes updated expenses, actual revenue based on the number of students attending district schools, and salary costs from the preliminary budget passed in May 2022.

The district has a combined surplus of \$2.1 million, but after we receive the funding for the CUPE wage settlement could see an operating surplus of \$600,000 at the end of the year.

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Enrolment Forecasted to Increase Next Year

The district is expecting an increase of approximately 62 full-time equivalent (FTE) students next school year after analyzing community trends and information from the schools, according to Secretary-Treasurer Kevin Patrick.

Patrick shared with the board that forecasting for the 2023-2024 school year has been slightly more complex in previous years as Baragar demographics indicated an increase of approximately 80 students whereas the Ministry of Education and Child Care has only forecasted an increase of nine students.

The district is usually more conservative than Baragar in its forecasting and the numbers that are used to build the district's preliminary operating budget.

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Budget Development Process for 2023-2024 Starts in March

Partner group consultations to develop the 2023-2024 operating budget will begin in March. Meeting details will be provided by the secretary-treasurer's office to respective groups. Dates to note for the public are:

Tuesday, April 11 at 7 p.m.
Budget information will be reviewed with parent advisory groups.

Tuesday, May 2 at 12 p.m.
Deadline for public submissions/presentation about the

2023-2024 operating budget to be heard at the May 9 public board meeting. Should you wish to make a presentation, contact Natalie Crawshaw in the secretary-treasurer's office at (250) 830.2302 or natalie.crawshaw@sd72.bc.ca.

Tuesday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.
Public submissions/presentations submitted by 12 p.m. on May 2 will be heard at this meeting.

Tuesday, May 30 at 7:30 p.m.
Potential adoption of the 2023-2024 budget at the public board meeting.

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