



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

December 2021

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

Policy Development • Karen Shipka

Third reading

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with the proposed amendments to policies found in the 4000 and 5000 sections for third reading. Minor revisions were made. The Board gave third and final reading to the policies in sections 4000 and 5000.

Second reading

Ms. Shipka presented the Board with proposed amendments to policies found in the 6000 to 8000 sections for second reading. Ms. Shipka reported that the Policy Committee recommended adding language around reducing the District's carbon footprint and monitoring carbon reduction to policy 6200. The Board of Education gave policy sections in the 6000 to 8000 second reading. Feedback can be provided until January 14, 2022 on the proposed changes.

First reading

The Board of Education was provided with several policies found in sections 8000, 9000, and 10000 of the policy manual. The sections received first reading. Feedback can be provided until January 14, 2022 on the proposed changes prior to second reading.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Board standing committee appointments • Amber Byklum

Chairperson Byklum announced the Board standing committee appointments for the upcoming year.

Budget utilization summary to November 30, 2021 • Alan Rice

Mr. Rice presented to the Board of Education with a report on year-to-date operating expenditures compared to budget and prior year. Expenditures to date are in line with budgeted and greater than the prior year for the same timeframe.

Draft school calendar report • Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer presented the draft 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school calendars. Each calendar requires a 60 day public consultation period which ought to begin in order to comply with *School Act* and District Bylaw requirements by May 31, 2022. The district calendar for 2022-2023 requires final approval following a 60-day consultation process. The District seeks approval in principle for the district calendar 2024-2025. Feedback on the draft calendars can be provided until February 15, 2022.

REPORTS

Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) strategic plan update • Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka provided the Board of Education with an update on the forward progress made on each priority area identified in the operational plan.

Community engagement plan • Karen Shipka

Ms. Shipka provided the Board of Education with an overview of the community engagement plans to be held in June 2022 in each community.

Dogwood completion rates • Steve Wyer

Mr. Wyer provided an update on Dogwood completion rates within the District. He noted that while Dogwood completion rates are on the rise in School District No.6 (Rocky Mountain), there are improvements to be made in order to achieve equity and parity between Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners. Furthermore, the District remains focused on learning more about barriers to completion for students earlier on in their secondary years to allow more time to intervene prior to students beginning their graduation program.

Flag pole upgrade update • Steve Wyer

Mr. Jackson provided an update on flag poles. He shared that the District Administration Building will be the first site to have flag poles upgraded. Flag poles are being ordered and the installation is planned to be complete in time for National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 where the District plans to celebrate with the raising of the flags with our Indigenous partners.

District vice principals update • Steve Wyer

The district vice principals continue to work on rolling out their initiatives related to their respective portfolios. Mr. Wyer provided an overview of activities.