

# BOARD REPORT

## *A brief summary of items discussed at Trustees' Regular Meetings*

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### **Board of Education Report December 14, 2022**

Following are some highlights of the recent Board of Education meeting held on December 14, 2022.

During the final Board meeting of 2022, staff briefed the Board on the activities of the Strengthening Early Years to Kindergarten Team (SEY2KT). The team was most recently at the Oliver town light up and gave out free books and snacks to over 60 children and 45 families who visited the tent. The team also asked for some feedback from visitors with regards to hopes for their children as they enter school and questions regarding perceived needed supports.

Our new Trustees reported on their experiences at the BCSTA new Trustee Academy held in Vancouver at the beginning of December. The program had a split stream for new and returning Trustees with some cross over. New Trustees had the opportunity to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of being a Trustee and understanding what governance is and how it applies to the role within the Board and, conversely, what is not our role outside of governance, which is the operations of the District. New Trustees learned about the Branch, the school boards found within our region of the Thompson Okanagan, who work cohesively to advocate bringing funding from the Ministry, or common interests, to the table to help move Districts in the directions that are best for students.

All Trustees had the opportunity to listen to inspiring keynote speakers on the topics of Truth and Reconciliation, as well as inclusion within classrooms and what that could and should look like.

The Board was also presented with information regarding the latest student completion results for the District. While we have trending areas where we can be proud of our progress, we are always working to improve these results. Most notably in the findings, the District's 5-year completion rates for Indigenous students is at an all-time high and above the provincial average. As mentioned, the results for all students are trending positively and the Board looks forward to these trends continuing.

Finally, the Trustees of the Board of Education for School District No. 53 would like to wish all students, staff and families a safe holiday and all the best for the New Year. See you all in 2023!

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Zandee, Chairperson  
School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen)