

## **Board Report - February, 2024**

I am pleased to report on the work of the Board since the last update.

### Meetings

The past few weeks have been busy, with many meetings and events scheduled for trustee participation and advocacy. Trustee representatives came together for various BCSTA meetings including the Metro, Board Chairs', and Board of Directors meetings.

On January 31st, the board met with our local MLAs and representatives from a number of ministry divisions to discuss various topics including the projected growth in Surrey and the capital requirements for our district.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Partner Liaison Meeting hosted by the BCSTA and Ministry of Education and Child Care. Topics included Safe and Inclusive Schools, Artificial Intelligence, Board Governance, the Implementation of Bill 40, and Supporting Student Success.

Trustees also represented the Board on committee meetings internally at the DPAC General Meeting and Student Voice, and externally on the Surrey Parks Rec and Culture Committee.

### Budget Consultation

Each year, as the board and staff begin to prepare for next year's budget, we look to our partners in education and community at large for input and feedback on the priorities important to you. On February 17<sup>th</sup> we will commence the budget consultation and look forward to receiving your input and responses on various topics. We value hearing from you and encourage your participation in the process. Please check out the district website for further information.

## Recognition

The Board would like to acknowledge and recognize the following days coming up later this month:

February 21<sup>st</sup> is International Mother Language Day and the board is pleased to support events throughout the district that promote awareness of linguistic and cultural diversity.

February 28<sup>th</sup> is Pink Shirt Day and each trustee is proud to wear their pink shirt and participate in the various events at our schools and sites to take a stand against bullying, show respect for everyone and “lift each other up”.

Thank you.