

SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)

EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE
Report to the Board of March 16, 2022

Committee Members:	Trustee McMurphy, Chair Trustee Silzer Trustee Stelck
Staff Support:	Carly Hunter, Director of Instruction Paul McKenzie, Assistant Superintendent
Partner Representatives:	Leila Sinclair-Wise (SAA – Elementary) – <i>(regrets)</i> Kelly deKlerk (SAA – Secondary) Michael MacEwan (STA) Nola Welsh, CUPE Pete Westhaver, SAA – <i>(regrets)</i> Monique Hiltz, COPACS – <i>(regrets)</i>
Other Attendees:	Chair Dunford; Vice Chair Trustee VanWell; Trustee Holman; Superintendent Dave Eberwein; Director of Instruction Monica Braniff

**Tuesday, March 8, 2022
3:00 pm, SBO Boardroom**

A. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

1. Presentation regarding changing and modernizing Learning Services language to focus on the current language of Inclusive Education : Monica Braniff

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. No Items.

C. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 Local Calendars – presentation on briefing note from Assistant Superintendent Paul McKenzie

Motion:

The committee recommends and I, Trustee McMurphy, move,
That the Board approve the local calendars for 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 as presented by the Assistant Superintendent, with the exception of the following change in the 2024-25 calendar – moving the Non-Instructional Day from November 12 to November 18, 2024.

D. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Teacher Education Letter: Trustee McMurphy, Michael MacEwan

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Trauma informed practice

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DRAFT 2022/2023 CALENDAR

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 Statutory Holiday

Non-Instructional
 Closure

Saanich School District (63)

DRAFT School Calendar 2022-2023

September 6, 2022	Schools Open
September 23, 2022	Non-Instructional Day
September 30, 2022	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 10, 2022	Thanksgiving
October 21, 2022	Non-Instructional Day
November 11, 2022	Remembrance Day
November 14, 2022	Non-Instructional Day
December 19, 2022 – January 2, 2023	Winter break
January 3, 2023	Schools reopen after winter break
February 17, 2023	Non-Instructional Day
February 20, 2023	Family Day
March 20-24, 2023	Spring break
March 27-31, 2023	School closure
April 7, 2023	Good Friday
April 10, 2023	Easter Monday
April 24, 2023	Non-Instructional Day
May 19, 2023	Non-Instructional Day
May 22, 2023	Victoria Day
June 29, 2023	Last day of school
June 30, 2023	Administrative Day

Semester Dates

September 6, 2022 – January 27, 2023	Semester One
January 30, 2023 – June 30, 2023	Semester Two

Days in Session (including September 6, Non Instructional days and Exam days; excluding June 30)

Semester 1 = 90

Semester 2 = 95

Total = 185

Days of Instruction (including September 6; excluding Non Instructional days, Exam Days and June 30)

Semester 1 = 87

Semester 2 = 92

Total = 179

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September 5, 2023	Schools Open
September 22, 2023	Non-Instructional Day
October 2, 2023	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30)
October 9, 2023	Thanksgiving
October 20, 2023	Non-Instructional Day
November 13, 2023	Remembrance Day (Nov 11)
November 20, 2023	Non-Instructional Day
December 25, 2023 – January 5, 2024	Winter break
January 8, 2024	Schools reopen after winter break
February 16, 2024	Non-Instructional Day
February 19, 2024	Family Day
March 18-22, 2024	Spring break
March 25-28 and April 2, 2024	School closure
March 29, 2024	Good Friday
April 1, 2024	Easter Monday
April 22, 2024	Non-Instructional Day
May 17, 2024	Non-Instructional Day
May 20, 2024	Victoria Day
June 27, 2024	Last day of instruction
June 28, 2024	Administrative Day

Semester Dates

September 5, 2023 – January 26, 2024	Semester One
January 29, 2024 – June 27, 2024	Semester Two

Days in Session (including September 5, Non Instructional days and Exam days; excluding June 30)

Semester 1 = 91

Semester 2 = 95

Total = 186

Days of Instruction (including September 5; excluding Non Instructional days, Exam Days and June 30)

Semester 1 = 88

Semester 2 = 92

Total = 180

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January 25, 2022

Dear Education Partners,

I am reaching out as a follow-up to my message from October 14, 2021, requesting your kind support with sharing the [New Teacher Survey 2021](#) that launched in early October. The BCTC invited participation from nearly 10,000 eligible certificate holders who completed their British Columbia teacher education program between 2015 and 2020 and who are currently certified to teach in the B.C. K-12 school system.

Unfortunately, the survey response rate has been lower than expected. We understand and acknowledge that low participation may be reflective of challenging events taking place, including the pandemic and the extreme weather that caused mudslides and flooding last year. To support those educators who did not participate in the survey, the BCTC is extending the deadline to complete the survey and again offering the invitation to all eligible certificate holders.

I would also like to ask you to assist us again with this important project. Would you be willing to reach out to your eligible members, employees, or graduates via your organization's social media platforms and encourage them to participate? Participation in the survey is a great way of supporting the Professional Standards for BC Educators, and specifically Standard 8, which speaks to all educators giving back to the profession by contributing their experience in a variety of ways.

The responses and feedback collected from the 2021 survey will help the BCTC to learn more about the experience of educators as they transition from their teacher education program into the teaching profession, as well as to better understand how new teachers develop their professional teacher identity. With the results, the BCTC's goal is to recommend strategies to better support this process and to provide highlights and recommendations to stakeholders including teacher education programs, school districts, education partners and government.

As always, the BCTC appreciates your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jim Iker
Chair



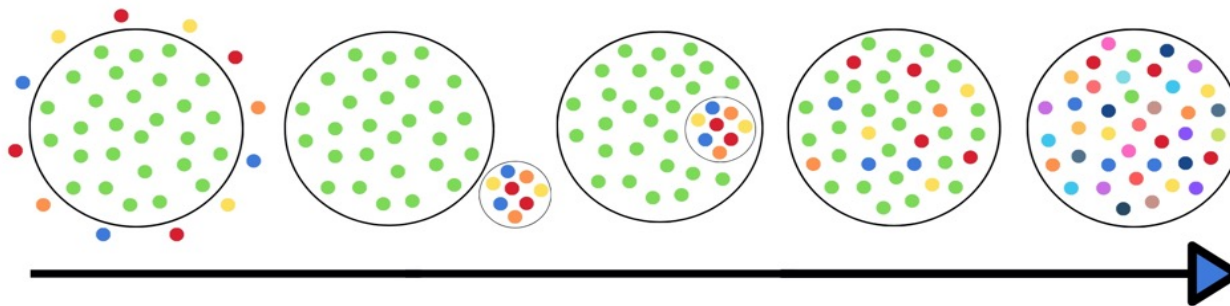
Inclusive Education

MODERNIZING THE LANGUAGE
ED DIRECTIONS: MARCH 8, 2022

“Words make worlds”

THE POWER OF LANGUAGE

WHAT IS INCLUSION?



Where are you on this continuum? What's the next step?

Shelley Moore, 2019

@tweetsomemoore

Language over time



Shifts in Structure & Language

- ▶ Learning Services Department expanded
 - ▶ Director of Instruction, Diversity & Inclusion
 - ▶ Director of Instruction, Curriculum & Innovation
 - ▶ Teacher Leaders
- ▶ Ministry Language shifts (largely) to Inclusive Education



Saanich District Learning Services


Indigenous
Education

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Inclusive
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Modernize the Language

- ▶ Integration Support Teacher → Inclusion Support Teacher
- ▶ District Vice-Principal, Learning Services → District Vice-Principal, Inclusive Education
- ▶ District Instructional Support Teacher, Learning Services → District Teacher Leader, Inclusive Education
- ▶ All District Instructional Support Teachers → District Teacher Leaders
- ▶ Update forms and communication to reflect “Inclusive Education”



**Watch your
language!**

What you say matters