

## School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held in the Mountain View Room of the Education Services Centre at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.

**PRESENT:** C. Sacré, Chair  
F. Stratton, Vice Chair  
B. Forward  
C. Gerlach  
M. Higgins  
J. Stanley

**ABSENT:** S. Skinner

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### A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil Waututh Nation were acknowledged.

### A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by B. Forward

that the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be adopted.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

Trustee Gerlach joined the meeting at 7:04 pm.

### A.3. Public Comment Period

The twenty minute comment period is intended to be relevant to the Board's mandate. The Chair requested that those wishing to speak should sign on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.

Amanda Nichol, Chair of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Committee, spoke regarding the proposed revised and new policies.

### A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by F. Stratton

that the minutes of the public meeting of November 15, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

### A.5. Presentation – Apple Distinguished Program

Seycove Secondary School's Performance Learning Program (PLP) was named an Apple Distinguished Program 2016-2018, being recognized as an exemplary learning environment for innovation, leadership and education excellence. Mr. John Maschak, Development Executive from Apple Canada, presented an award to Seycove teachers Bryan Hughes and Petra Willemse from the PLP Program.

### A.6. Student Presentation – Sutherland Secondary

Sam Nygard, student from Sutherland Secondary School shared their experience in the North Vancouver School District. They discussed the importance of programming in the School District, specifically the Choices program noting that it was beneficial to their high school years in terms of personal and scholastic progression. Trustees expressed their appreciation to Sam for sharing.

### **B.1. Election of Board Chair**

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison reported that the Board was required by its *Policy 101: Board of Education – Role and Function* and *Policy 104: Board of Education - Meetings* to elect one of its members to be the Board Chair. Secretary Treasurer Allison called for nominations for the position of Chair for one year, at which time, Trustee Stratton nominated Trustee Sacré. There being no other nominations, Trustee Sacré was declared Board Chair for the term of December 7, 2016 to November 30, 2017 or until a successor has been elected.

### **B.2. Election of Board Vice Chair**

Chair Sacré called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board for one year, at which time, Trustee Forward nominated Trustee Stanley. There being no other nominations, Trustee Stanley was declared Board Vice Chair for the term of December 7, 2016 to November 30, 2017 or until a successor has been elected.

### **B.3. Board/Authority Authorized Courses 2017/18**

District Principal Maureen Stanger shared that boards of education must authorize each Board Authority Authorized (BAA) Course and ensure it meets the Ministry of Education's BAA Course requirements. Once the courses receive Board approval, they will be submitted to the Ministry for approval.

Ms. Stanger offered an overview of the courses:

- Augmentative and Alternative Communication Skills and Strategies 11
- Community Initiatives Leadership 12
- Technology Skills for the Visually Impaired 11

Ms. Stanger responded to Trustees' questions, clarifying that there are a variety of courses put forward, accommodating all students within the North Vancouver School District.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board according to its power and capacity set out in Section 85(2)(i) of the *School Act* and in harmony with the course standards established by the Ministry of Education, hereby approves the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses, Augmentative and Alternative Communication Skills and Strategies 11 and Technology Skills for the Visually Impaired 11, effective 2017/18 for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

Abstention: C. Gerlach

Moved by J. Stanley

that the Board according to its power and capacity set out in Section 85(2)(i) of the *School Act* and in harmony with the course standards established by the Ministry of Education, hereby approves the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course, Community Initiatives Leadership 12, effective 2017/18 for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

### **B.4. Proposed Revised Policy 302: Student Conduct**

Superintendent Mark Pearmain noted that boards of education are responsible for updating policies when an amended Ministerial Order comes from the Province. *Policy 302: Student Conduct* has been updated to follow BC Human Rights Code.

Moved by B. Forward

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed Revised Policy 302: Student Conduct*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 6, 2016, and that the revised policy be further reviewed by the Board's Policy Review Committee at the earliest possible time

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

**B.5. Proposed Revised Policy 412: Homophobia**

District Principal Vince White introduced *Policy 412: Homophobia* noting that the Province announced a new anti-bullying measure. The announcement requires boards of education to include explicit reference to sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in their anti-bullying policies and school codes of conduct. The Policy 412 Sub-Committee asked for feedback from parents/guardians, students and staff prior to presenting it to the Board.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed Revised Policy 412: Supporting Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 6, 2016.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

**B.6. Proposed Revised Policy 505: Employee Welfare**

Scott Stanley, Director of Human Resources, introduced the revised *Policy 505: Employee Welfare* noting that the policy was updated due to an amended Ministerial Order for the Provincial Standards for Codes of Conduct Order.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed Revised Policy 505: Employee Welfare*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 6, 2016.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

**B.7. Proposed New Policy 414: Prohibiting Access to Schools**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson introduced this agenda item stating that boards of education are responsible for establishing procedures and/or policies regarding the application of Section 177 within their districts after the provincial government released Provincial Guidelines on the Maintenance of Order.

After discussing the new policy, it was decided that a paragraph should be inserted into the policy, clearly outlining the appeal process.

Moved by J. Stanley

that the Board of Education approve an *Interim Proposed New Policy 414: Prohibiting Access to Schools*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 6, 2016, as amended, and that the interim policy will be brought back to the January 2017 Board meeting.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

**C.1. Secondary School and Academy Fees 2017/18**

Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item and advised that boards of education may charge fees to students and parents for goods and services provided by the Board in accordance with the School Act [s. 82]. Board *Policy 706: Board of Education – School Fees* requires that each North Vancouver school and specialty academy annually establish a schedule of fees. Fees for the 2017/18 school year are determined prior to the end of 2016 to allow fee schedules to be included in the secondary school course guidebooks that are published in January 2017.

Both the 2017/18 Secondary Schedule of School Fees and the Schedule of Specialty Academy Fees 2017/18 have been brought forward to the Board for information and Trustees are encouraged to contact Principals regarding any questions they may have in relation to the fees.

**C.2. School Calendar 2017/18 – Update**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson provided the Board with an update on the status of the School Calendar Committee's work this year and reviewed the timelines and steps required to complete and approve a school calendar for the 2017/18 school year. A finalized calendar will be presented at the March 6, 2017 Public Board Meeting.

**C.3. Aboriginal Update – Gerlach**

Trustee Gerlach provided an update to the Board and highlighted the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) conference that was attended by students and staff.

**C.4. Land, Learning and Livability Community Engagement - Update**

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and updated the Board on the Argyle Secondary School Replacement Project and the Handsworth Secondary School Project.

**Motion to Extend**

Moved by C. Gerlach  
to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm.  
Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

**C.5. Out of Country Field Trips – Secondary**

Provided for their information, Trustees received in their agenda packages an overview of out of country field trips that are being planned for secondary students as follows:

- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, USA (March 9-18, 2017)
- Carson Graham Secondary School – field trip to the Dominican Republic (March 11-22, 2017)
- Carson Graham Secondary School – field trip to Belize, Central America (March 11-18, 2017)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to France (March 13-19, 2017)

**C.6. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights of his visits to elementary and secondary schools and provided the Board of Education with an update on the Learning Forward Conference that was held in Vancouver.

**C.7. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)**

Trustee Gerlach noted that BCPSEA is holding their Annual General Meeting on January 27, 2017 and asked for feedback on the BCSTA's financials.

**C.8. Trustees' Reports**

Trustees submitted their reports on their activities on behalf of the Board as follows:

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
  - Standing Committee Meeting
  - Trustee Seminar
  - President's Council Meeting
  - Argyle Steering Committee Meeting
  - French Immersion Review Committee Meeting
  - District of North Vancouver Council Meeting

**C.8. Trustees' Reports (continued)**

- PAC Meetings
- North Shore Table Matters Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:

- Carson Graham Improv Show
- Cove Cliff student recognitions ceremony
- Learning Forward Conference
- FNEC Conference

**D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Thursday, January 12, 2017 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Standing Committee Meeting - Enhanced Programs	Sutherland Secondary School 1860 Sutherland Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver

**E. Public Question & Comment Period**

The Chair called for questions and/or comments from the public noting that in accordance with Board policy, questions relating to personnel, negotiations or litigation must not be dealt with in a public session.

Amanda Nichol, Chair of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Committee, thanked the Board for hearing the PAC's concerns and discussing the new policy in depth.

Heather Skuse, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the Argyle Secondary School Project and urged the Board to continue discussing options with the District of North Vancouver.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:23 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by G. Allison*

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Georgia Allison  
Secretary Treasurer

*January 17, 2017*

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Date

*Original signed by C. Sacré*

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Christie Sacré  
Chair, Board of Education

*January 17, 2017*

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Date