

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, January 21, 2025.

PRESENT: L. Munro, Chair
A. Wilson, Vice Chair
D. Anderson
C. Gerlach
K. Mann
G. Tsiakos
L. Tumaneng

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Linda Munro called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Chair Munro acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Gerlach advised that she is withdrawing her Notice of Motion, under item B.5.

Moved by A. Wilson

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

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the minutes of the public board meeting of December 17, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

A.4. Public Question/Comment Period

There were no public questions or comments received by the Board.

A.5. Educational Presentation: District Student Leadership Council

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed students from the Executive of the District Student Leadership Council. The presenters shared student perspectives on a variety of topics.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

B.1. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Greg Hockley, District Principal, Secondary Curriculum and Careers, and Adam Baumann, Assistant Superintendent, to provide an overview of the Board/Authority Authorized Courses recommended to the Board of Education for approval.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education, 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 and Child Care, hereby approves the revised Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses Strategies for Learning 10, 11, and 12, effective 2024/25 for submission to the Ministry.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

Moved by D. Anderson

that the Board of Education, 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 and Child Care, hereby approves the new Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course Future Pathways Technology Sampler 11, effective 2024/25 for submission to the Ministry.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education, 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 and Child Care, hereby retires the course Teacher Assistant 12 effective September 2025.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

B.2. Proposed Revised Policy 205 – Outdoor Learning

Board Chair Munro provided the context for the proposed revisions to Policy 205 and introduced Conor McMullan, Director of Educational Programs, Cheakamus Centre, who outlined the changes to the revised policy.

The presenter responded to Trustee's questions.

Moved by L. Tumaneng

that the Board of Education approve proposed revised Policy 205: Outdoor Learning as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of January 21, 2025.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.3. Repeal Policy 206 – Continuing Education

Board Chair Munro introduced Lucas King, Principal, Mountainside Secondary School, who provided context for the recommended repeal of Policy 206.

Moved by A. Wilson

That the Board of Education repeal Policy 206: Continuing Education effective January 21, 2025.

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

B.4. Proposed Revised Policy 101: Board of Education – Role and Function – Administrative Procedures

Board Chair Munro introduced this item by providing the background for the proposed revised Policy 101.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Revised Policy 101: Board of Education – Role and Function - Administrative Procedures, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of January 21, 2025.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

B.5. Notice of Motion: Motions for the BC School Trustees Association AGM

Board Chair Munro noted that the Notice of Motion put forward by Trustee Gerlach has been withdrawn.

Trustee Anderson spoke to the second Notice of Motion and amendments considered include: under 1.2 FS Values, the third bullet will read “public influence and non-partisanship involvement in establishment of education policy”, and bullet four will be deleted. Under 1.1 FS Mission, the eight bullet will be revised to “We believe that an important role of BCSTA is to partner effectively with elected officials and governments by taking a non-partisanship approach to advocacy and the establishment of education policy”.

Moved by D. Anderson

that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the extraordinary motion to amend the wording of the Foundational Statement Mission and Foundational Statement Values as discussed to be incorporated in the memorandum of January 21, 2025.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.6. Notice of Motion: Strategic Plan

Board Chair Munro introduced Trustee Anderson who provided context for this notice of motion and responded to Trustee’s questions.

Moved by D. Anderson

Be it resolved that the North Vancouver School District transition to a four-year strategic planning cycle, commencing in January 2028.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Defeated

C.1. North Vancouver Teachers’ Association Professional Development Report

Superintendent Dr. Ryan introduced Vickie Vinaric, President of the North Vancouver Teachers’ Association to report on professional development offered during the 2023/24 school year.

The presenter responded to Trustees’ questions.

C.2. Committee Reports – Written Update

Written updates on the Education Week Planning Committee, the Teacher Mentorship Committee and the Sustainability Committee were included in the Board Package. No questions were asked.

C.3. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Package. No questions were asked.

C.4. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent provided an update to Trustees on events, initiatives, and programming across the school district.

No questions were asked.

C.5. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association and BC Public School Employers’ Association

Trustee Anderson provided an update regarding the BC School Trustees Association, highlighting the upcoming Metro meeting on Thursday, followed by the BCSTA AGM.

Trustee Mann provided an update regarding the BC Public School Employers' Association, last week Trustee Man attended the BCPSEA meeting for the upcoming AGM on January 30th and 31st. Local bargaining will start this week.

C.6. Trustees' Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from December 18, 2024 to January 21, 2025, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - Trustee Seminars
 - BCPSEA Trustee Reps Meeting – preparation for AGM
 - BCSTA English Language Learners Consortium Meeting
 - District Student Leadership Committee Meeting
 - Education Week Planning Committee Meeting
- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Enhanced Programs and Academies Night at Carson Graham Secondary School
 - Parent Advisory Council meeting at Handsworth Secondary
 - Various school visits or events at Argyle Secondary, Braemar Elementary, Blueridge Elementary, Boundary Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary, Dorothy Lynas Elementary, Larson Elementary, Lynnmour Elementary, Mountainside Secondary, Queen Mary Elementary, Seymour Heights Elementary, Westview Elementary and Windsor Secondary Schools

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting – Budget Development	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting – Budget Development	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver

E. Public Question/Comment Period

Board Chair Munro 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.

Argyle Digital Media Academy teacher Chris Miller spoke about an upcoming “Dinner and a Movie” event at Argyle Secondary where a 30 minute film that was completed by students will be screened.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Munro adjourned the meeting at 8.24 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

February 25, 2025

Date

Original signed by L. Munro

Linda Munro
Chair, Board of Education

February 25, 2025

Date