

## **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 12, 2017.

**PRESENT:** C. Sacré, Chair  
J. Stanley, Vice Chair  
B. Forward  
C. Gerlach  
M. Higgins  
S. Skinner (teleconference)  
F. Stratton

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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. During the Chair's opening remarks, the recent news article regarding Trustee governance was acknowledged, noting there was work to be done, but the evening would be focused on the agenda.

### **A.2. Motion to Approve Trustee Participation by Teleconference**

Moved by C. Sacré

WHEREAS Section 67 of the *School Act* permits Trustees to participate in or attend a meeting of the Board by telephone or other means of communication if all Trustees and other persons participating in or attending the meeting are able to communicate with each other;

the Board hereby approves the participation by Trustee Skinner in the December 12, 2017 Public Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

### **A.3. Approval of Agenda**

It was requested that the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa) Pro D Report be presented first in the *Information and Proposals* part of the agenda moving from C.3. to C.1.

Moved by J. Stanley

that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

### **A.4. 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.

John Harvey, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding board governance, video recording of meetings and transportation issues in North Vancouver.

Student representatives of the District Student Leadership Council updated the Board on topics that were discussed by members at the last General Meeting. The representatives from Windsor Secondary shared that students focused on the current learning culture and its effect on school community and engagement.

#### **A.5. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the minutes of the public meeting of November 21, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

#### **A.6. Student Presentation – Canyon Heights Elementary**

Students from Canyon Heights Elementary presented coding, circuitry, robotics and design thinking to the Board of Education. Showcasing specific projects that were completed in the first few months of school, the students, along with Teacher Librarian Ian Cunliffe, shared a robot navigating a maze, a coded catch and release game and a talking book bin.

The students explained their projects, thoughts and experiences with makerspaces, coding, robotics and applied design skills technologies.

Board Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked Mr. Cunliffe and the students for increasing student engagement in the library space.

#### **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 13, 2017 to November 5, 2018, following the School Trustee Election.

#### **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 Stratton. There being no other nominations, Trustee Stratton was declared Board Vice Chair for the term of December 13, 2017 to November 5, 2018, following the School Trustee Election.

#### **B.3. Election to BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council and to BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA)**

Chair Sacré reported that the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) requires the Board to elect annually, two Trustees to the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council. One Trustee is to serve as the Board's representative and one Trustee is required to serve as an alternate.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of the Board's representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council for 2018. Trustee Skinner nominated Trustee Gerlach and Trustee Higgins nominated Trustee Stanley. Both Trustee Gerlach and Trustee Stanley accepted their nominations. As there were two nominations, Chair Sacré appointed Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson and Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan as scrutineers. An election by ballot was then conducted, after which Trustee Stanley was elected the Board's representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council.

The Chair called for nominations for the alternate representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council for 2018. Trustee Stanley nominated Trustee Gerlach. There being no other nominations, Trustee Gerlach was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council.

**B.3. Election to BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council and to BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) (continued)**

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Trustee Representative to the BC Public School Employers' Association for 2018. Trustee Stanley nominated Trustee Higgins and Trustee Skinner nominated Trustee Gerlach. Both Trustee Higgins and Trustee Gerlach accepted their nominations. As there were two nominations, Chair Sacré appointed Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson and Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan as scrutineers. An election by ballot was then conducted, after which Trustee Gerlach was elected the Board's representative to BCPSEA.

The Chair called for nominations for the alternate representative to the BCPSEA for 2018. Trustee Forward nominated Trustee Higgins. There being no other nominations, Trustee Higgins was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCPSEA.

**B.4. Board/Authority Authorized Courses 2018/19**

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 course Braille 11. Ms. Stanger responded to Trustees' questions, clarifying that there are a variety of courses put forward by staff, accommodating the needs of students in the North Vancouver School District.

Moved by F. Stratton

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, effective 2018/19 for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

**B.5. Proposed Lacrosse Specialty Academy for 2018/19**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson and District Principal Deb Wanner were invited to the table to provide an overview of the submitted lacrosse academy proposal and the discussions that have occurred to date in support of the proposal. Ms. Wanner noted that in the fall of 2016 the North Vancouver School District (NVSD) was approached by Tewanee Joseph, of the Tewanee Consulting Group Inc, with a preliminary proposal to establish a partnership with the NVSD to introduce a new specialty academy focused on the sport of lacrosse.

Discussions with Mr. Joseph continued over the past year, and the Tewanee Consulting Group Inc. has now finalized and submitted a formal comprehensive proposal. The intent is to offer the Lacrosse Academy at Carson Graham Secondary School, in partnership with NVSD, beginning in the 2018/19 school year.

Responding to Trustees' questions, clarification was provided regarding skills and training, alignment with a provincial association, regulations, and bursaries for students. Ms. Wanner advised that a further update would be provided to the Board at a spring 2018 Public Board Meeting.

**B.5. Proposed Lacrosse Specialty Academy for 2018/19 (continued)**

Moved by B. Forward

that the Board of Education approve, in principle, the implementation of a Lacrosse Academy program in partnership with Tewanee Consulting Group Inc. and as outlined in the November 28, 2017 Lacrosse Academy Proposal document attached to the Administrative Memorandum of December 12, 2017 and, that the academy be offered beginning September 2018 subject to sufficient student enrollment.

Seconded by S. Skinner

Carried

**C.3. North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa) Pro D Report 2016/17**

Each year through the Collective Agreement; the Board provides a grant of \$94,500 to the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa) to fund professional development. Martin Stuible, President of the NVTa, and Carolyn Pena, Chair of the Association's Professional Development Committee, were welcomed to the table to present the NVTa Professional Development Report.

Ms. Pena thanked the Board for their continued support and introduced Monique Zander, teacher at Lynnmour Elementary who was able to benefit from the NVTa's professional development fund. As examples of how the professional development funds are used, Ms. Zander described her experience with the course she attended and how the developmental opportunities have assisted her to excel professionally. Ms. Pena shared a note from Natasha Dash who was unable to attend the meeting, but benefited from the professional development fund by attending a Zentangle Conference. With Ms. Dash's knowledge of the method of drawing repetitive shapes to reduce stress and anxiety, she is able to provide support to colleagues and students across the School District.

Trustees thanked the presenters for sharing their stories and for their contributions to the School District.

**C.1. Secondary School and Academy Fees 2018/19**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson 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 2018/19 school year are determined prior to the end of 2017 to allow fee schedules to be included in the secondary school course guidebooks that are published in January 2018.

Both the 2018/19 Secondary Schedule of School Fees and the Schedule of Specialty Academy Fees 2018/19 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 2018/19 – 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 13, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

**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. An update was also provided on the proposed Lower Lonsdale School.

#### **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:

- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to California, USA (February 2-11, 2018)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Spain and France (March 18-April 1, 2018)
- Handsworth Secondary School – field trip to Italy (March 13-21, 2018)

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

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to schools. Special recognition was provided to Montroyal Elementary for their Christmas presentation of Frosty the Snowman. Superintendent Pearmain was fortunate to travel to Montreal, Quebec, to attend Indspire 2017 National Gathering Conference, where he supported the North Vancouver School District team who presented at the conference about Aboriginal Education.

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

Trustee Gerlach reported out on the upcoming BCSTA AGM sharing that the deadline for motions in January 12, 2018. Trustee Gerlach noted that the BCPSEA AGM is January 25-26, 2018.

#### **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
  - Calendar Committee Meeting
  - NVPAC General Meeting
  - Inclusion Committee Meeting
  - Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
  - First Nations Blanket Exercise
  - Superintendent Evaluation
  - Principal and Vice Principal Interviews
  - BCSTA Academy
  - Braemar Elementary Mindful Kids Program
  - Carisbrooke Elementary Christmas Concert
  - Carson Graham Secondary Christmas Concert
  - Mountainside Secondary visit

#### **D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Thursday</b> , January 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting - Enhanced Programs	Sutherland Secondary School 1860 Sutherland Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm	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.

No one was wishing to speak.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:22 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by G. Allison*

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Georgia Allison  
Secretary Treasurer

*January 23, 2018*

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Date

*Original signed by C. Sacré*

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Christie Sacré  
Chair, Board of Education

*January 23, 2018*

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Date