

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Inaugural 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, November 15, 2022.

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

Oaths of Office and Allegiance

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Pius Ryan introduced the Honourable Judge James Sutherland of the Provincial Court of British Columbia, who was present to administer the Oath of Office and the Oath of Allegiance to the newly elected Trustees.

In accordance with Section 50 and Section 50(4) of the *School Act*, newly elected Trustees Daniel Anderson, Cyndi Gerlach, Kulvir Mann, Linda Munro, George Tsiakos, Lailani Tumaneng and Antje Wilson each swore an Oath of Office and an Oath of Allegiance before the Honourable Judge James Sutherland.

A. Call to Order

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:52 pm and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sḵw̓x̓w̓ú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłw̓ətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh) Nation. .

A.1. Acknowledgements

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart welcomed the newly elected Trustees to their inaugural Public Board Meeting.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Gerlach

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

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

A.3. Election of Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart 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 Stewart called for nominations for the position of Chair for the term commencing November 15, 2022, ending November 30, 2023, at which time, Trustee Antje Wilson nominated Trustee Kulvir Mann. There being no other nominations, Trustee Mann was declared Board Chair for the term of November 15, 2022 to November 30, 2023, or until a successor has been elected.

Trustee Mann assumed Chair of the meeting.

A.4. Election of Board Vice Chair

Chair Mann called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board for one year, at which time, Trustee George Tsiakos nominated Trustee Linda Munro. There being no other nominations, Trustee Munro was declared Board Vice Chair for the term of November 15, 2022 to November 30, 2023, or until a successor has been elected.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Trustee C. Gerlach
that the minutes of the public meeting of October 16, 2018 be approved as circulated.
Seconded by Trustee L. Munro Carried

A.6. Public Questions/Comments

Chair Mann read two Public Comments that were submitted via email, one by Debra Wilton, the other one by Sara Stevens.

A.7. Educational Presentation: Grade 8 Retreat at Cheakamus

Director of Educational Programs Cheakamus Centre and Physical Literacy, Conor McMullan, presented on the Fall visit of the Grade 8 students to the Cheakamus Centre. He also offered insight in the mission and vision for the Cheakamus Centre and how programs for Grade 3-7 students have been successful this past year, welcoming approximately 5,000 students.

B.1. Election to BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council and to BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Chair Mann 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 Trustee Representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council for 2023. Trustee Daniel Anderson nominated Trustee Tsiakos. There being no other nominations, Trustee Tsiakos was declared the Board's representative to BCSTA.

The Chair called for nominations for the alternate representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council for 2023. Trustee Tsiakos nominated Trustee Anderson. There being no other nominations, Trustee Anderson was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCSTA.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of the Board's representative to the BCPSEA for 2023. Trustee Tsiakos nominated Trustee Gerlach. There being no other nominations, Trustee Gerlach was declared the Board's representative to BCPSEA.

The Chair called for nominations for the alternate representative to the BCPSEA for 2023. Trustee Gerlach nominated Trustee Wilson. There being no other nominations, Trustee Wilson was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCPSEA.

C.1. Enrolment Update

Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan introduced this agenda item and asked Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson and District Principal, Mark James to provide an update regarding school district enrolment for the 2022/23 school year. Assistant Superintendent Atkinson highlighted comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments for September 2022.

The enrolment update, based on September 30, 2022 information, reports total actual enrolment at 15,794.875. The actual school aged student enrolment is above the projected enrolment of 15,491 by 303.375 FTE.

C.2. Organization of Classes Report

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson and District Principal James provided an update on the organization of classes for the 2022/23 school year.

The report detailed enrolment, teacher staffing, and average class sizes by grade at elementary and secondary schools.

Staff responded to questions about the presentations.

C.3. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Agenda Package for information and staff responded to questions.

C.4. Tuesday, October 4, 2022 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Munro provided a summary of the October 4 Standing Committee Meeting.

C.5. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Ryan shared his impressions of the Curriculum Implementation Day and the feelings of connection, getting together and getting to know each other he observed during the event. He also shared his thoughts on the Remembrance Day assemblies held by all schools on November 10. He was very captivated by the presentations and performances the students had prepared for this event, also the first one in 3 years where all students were together at an assembly in the gym.

C.6. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Board Chair Mann shared that an agreement, had been reached with the British Columbia Teachers' Federation which had not yet been ratified. The BCSTA is hosting the annual Trustee Academy on December 1-3.

C.7. Trustees' Reports

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

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - In Camera Meetings
 - Trustee Swearing In Ceremony
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - President's Council Meeting
 - Kindergarten Parent Information Night
 - District Student Leadership Committee Meeting
 - BC School Trustees Association - Metro Meeting hosted by NVSD
 - Selection Interviews for Assistant Superintendent and Principals
 - AFK – Artist for Kids Committee Meeting

- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies - various schools
 - Lynnmour Elementary – walk with students to the cemetery to place poppies on unmarked graves for Remembrance Day
 - AFK – Artist for Kids Gallery Event – limited print launch by Charlene Vickers
 - Argyle Secondary School – PAC meeting and Positive Ticketing Campaign Safety Blitz
 - Orange Shirt Day & National Day for Truth Reconciliation – Ross Road Elementary, Argyle Secondary, Sutherland Secondary and Queen Mary Elementary
 - Terry Fox Run – Argyle Secondary, Sutherland Secondary and Upper Lynn Elementary
 - Tsleil-Waututh Nation Pilgrimage
 - Curriculum Implementation Day at Argyle Secondary
 - Premier’s Awards for Excellence in Education in Victoria in recognition of Principal Rick Chan’s Nomination
 - Celebration for Trustees at AFK Gallery for Board Members 2018 to 2022
 - Squamish Nation – Education, Employment and Training Youth Conference 2022
 - Handsworth Secondary – PAC meeting and Career Fair
 - Seymour Heights Elementary - Blanket Exercise
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver
Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North 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 Questions or Comments were brought forward.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart
Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

December 9, 2022
Date

Original signed by K. Mann
Kulvir Mann
Chair, Board of Education

December 9, 2022
Date