

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held virtually through Microsoft Teams in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

PRESENT: K. Mann, Chair
L. Munro, Vice Chair
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
C. Sacré
M. Tasi Baker
G. Tsiakos

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Kulvir Mann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

Motion to Approve Trustees Participation by Microsoft Teams

Moved by K. Mann

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 the Trustees in the December 7, 2021, Public Board Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

A.1. Chair Mann's opening remarks

Chair Mann began by sharing her appreciation for the best wishes received from the community on her appointment to Board Chair, recognized Vice Chair Linda Munro and thanked Trustee George Tsiakos for his work as Board Chair over the past year. Special thanks was provided to District Principal Tsonomot Brad Baker for his work in the North Vancouver School District.

Chair Mann acknowledged International Day of People with Disabilities, International Volunteer Day, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women, Human Rights Day, all which are occurring in the month of December. Congratulations was shared with the Museum of North Vancouver which had its opening day on December 4, 2021.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Sacré

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

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and moving the meeting to Microsoft Teams, the Board of Education requested that interested parties email in their submission to be read out by the Board Chair.

One written comment was received from Willy Commernaut, resident of North Vancouver, who commented on Proposed New Policy 810: Child Care Programs on Board Property.

A.4. Stakeholder Comment Period

As per the motion passed on May 26, 2020, the Board of Education provided a twenty minute stakeholder comment period to allow stakeholders to speak to items on the Board of Education Agenda.

Alexa Bennett Fox, Second Vice President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTAs), addressed the following items: the hope to see child care programs expand to meet the needs of families; continued complexity of the composition of classrooms; support of a mental health group; and, fees of secondary school and specialty programs.

Moe Zhang, executive member of the District Student Leadership Council (DSLCC), provided an update on behalf of the DSLCC. Moe shared the importance of discussing education and, student perspective and voice to help improve school environments. Thanks was provided to the Board of Education for meeting with the executive team on November 23, 2021.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the minutes of the public meeting of November 16, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

B.1. Proposed New Policy 810: Child Care Programs on Board Property

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson introduced this agenda item noting that in March 2020, the Ministry of Education introduced new provisions in the *School Act* that enables boards of education to offer before and after school care rather than through licensed child care providers. Through a Ministerial Order introduced in August 2020, the Minister established prescriptive and extensive requirements for policy to be adopted by boards of education.

Staff have developed a policy and administrative procedures that support child care programs in the North Vancouver School District. Consistent with the School District approach to policy development, the policy is written broadly, to provide the framework for child care programs on Board property, while the administrative procedures contains the details and specifics for implementation of the policy. The policy and administrative procedures have been updated to include a process for consultation with community education partners, including First Nations and Métis Nation BC. Highlights and clarification were provided on the policy and administrative procedures.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Board of Education approve Proposed New Policy 810: Child Care Programs on Board Property, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 7, 2021.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.2. Proposed Revised Policy 710: Accumulated Operating Surplus

Director of Finance Kristen Watson presented the proposed revised Policy 710: Accumulated Operating Surplus and Administrative Procedures. The policy and administrative procedures have been updated to include a process for consultation with community education partners, including First Nations and Métis Nation BC. The revised policy strengthens the Board of Education's commitment to financial accountability by requiring that a separate motion be passed for all utilization of Accumulated Operating Surplus. The revisions to the policy have been developed with the input of the School District Audit Committee.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education approve Proposed Revised Policy 710: Accumulated Operating Surplus, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 7, 2021.

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

B.3. Proposed New Policy 711: Financial Planning and Reporting

Director of Finance Kristen Watson presented the proposed new Policy 711: Financial Planning and Reporting and Administrative Procedures. The Proposed New Policy 711: Financial Planning and Reporting has been developed in response to the Ministry of Education directive that boards of education develop a consultation process that includes community education partners and First Nations and Métis Nation BC. Further, the Ministry directive requires boards of education to develop a three year budget, and report back each year to the community and the rightsholders on progress measures made towards the achievement of Board strategic priorities.

Proposed New Policy 711: Financial Planning and Reporting replaces Policy 701: Budgets, which was last reviewed in September 2001. Proposed New Policy 711: Financial Planning and Reporting modernizes the language and includes the Board of Education's commitment to consultation and transparent reporting.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education approve Proposed New Policy 711: Financial Planning and Reporting, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 7, 2021; and,

that the Board of Education repeal Policy 701: Budgets.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

B.4. Board/Authority Authorized Courses 2022/23

District Principal Greg Hockley 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.

Mr. Hockley offered an overview of the course History of Rock Music 11. Mr. Hockley responded to Trustees' questions, clarifying that the course would include different topics and genres to accommodate the needs of students in the North Vancouver School District.

Moved by C. Sacré

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, hereby approves the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course, History of Rock Music 11, effective 2022/23 for submission to the Ministry of Education.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.5. Notice of Motion: Motions and Notice of Motions

Trustee Tsiakos introduced this agenda item noting that the Notice of Motion: Motions and Notice of Motions was first discussed at the November 16, 2021 Public Board Meeting. As part of the proposed motion, the item is now being brought forward as an action item for a formal vote by the Board of Education. Allowing Trustees to see the motion in advance will allow for a thoughtful conversation and for consideration of the decision making process.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education adopt the recommended changes to Policy 104: Board of Education – Meetings Administrative Procedures, as outlined in Appendix A, and direct the Superintendent to update Policy 104: Board of Education – Meetings Administrative Procedures and related procedural considerations to reflect these changes.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

B.5. Notice of Motion: Motions and Notice of Motions (continued)

Recommended changes to Policy 104: Board of Education – Meetings Administrative Procedures

- Trustee motions that are presented at a Public Board Meeting and that are subject to a vote, should normally be introduced for discussion purposes at least one meeting prior to the meeting at which they are voted upon; and,
- The Board of Education may suspend the application of the above noted procedural requirement upon a motion approved by a two-thirds vote of Trustees present and entitled to vote on the motion at issue.

A short break was observed.

C.1. Organization of Classes Report 2021/22

Mark James, District Principal, introduced this agenda item and provided an update regarding the School District's enrolment for the 2021/22 school year and highlighted comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments for September 2021.

The report provided detailed information on student enrolment, supplemental enrolment, class size limits/composition requirements and comparison on class size average and combined classes.

C.2. Update on Rowing Academy for 2022/23

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson updated the Board of Education on the Rowing Academy that was first approved in June 2019. Since the approval, the sponsor teacher left the School District, leaving the Rowing Academy on hold. Staff, along with the Depp Cove Rowing Club, are able to offer the academy at Seycove Secondary for the 2022/23 school year.

C.3. Notice of Motion: BCSTA Motion

Trustee Mary Tasi Baker introduced this agenda item regarding a substantive motion to put forward to the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting in April 2022. Following BCSTA's procedures, in order to put forward a motion to the BCSTA AGM, boards of education must pass the final wording of the motion by a majority vote of the Board.

Information was shared on the motion to review and refresh the "Attributes of a BC Graduate." The current mandate for public schooling was written in 1989 and the Attributes of a BC Graduate stem from consultation at that time. The proposed refresh should incorporate a process for review, assessment, reflection and amendment. Any further discussion will be held during the BCSTA Annual General Meeting.

The motion regarding BCSTA Motion will be on a future agenda in the action items for a formal vote from all Trustees.

C.4. Notice of Motion: Mental Health/Illness Working Group

Trustee Cyndi Gerlach introduced the recommendation to establish a Mental Health/Illness Working Group. Highlighting the motion, Trustee Gerlach noted that people with mental health conditions are often plagued by stigma as well as discrimination. The reality for many people with a mental illness is they report that how others judging them is one of the barriers to getting the help they need.

The motion regarding a proposed Mental Health/Illness Working Groups will be on a future agenda in the action items for a formal vote from all Trustees.

C.5. Secondary School and Specialty Academy Fees 2022/23

Assistant Superintendent 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 2022/23 school year are determined prior to the end of 2021 to allow fee schedules to be included in the secondary school course guidebooks that are published in January 2022.

Both the 2022/23 Secondary Schedule of School Fees and the Schedule of Specialty Academy Fees 2022/23 have been brought forward to the Board of Education for information.

C.6. Land Management Update

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle Secondary and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects and the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Updates on the Cheakamus Centre's Environmental Learning Centre, Lynn Valley Elementary addition and the status of the new Cloverley Elementary School were provided.

Motion to Extend

Moved unanimously
to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m.

C.7. Superintendent's Report (including COVID-19)

Superintendent Pearmain started by providing an update on COVID-19 noting that the vaccination campaign for 5-11 year olds has commenced. The North Vancouver School District continues to think of the numerous school districts still struggling with severe weather.

Superintendent Pearmain thanked the community, staff and students for continuing to support each other during this time. A special message to enjoy the winter break was shared.

C.8. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker and Trustee Tsiakos provided highlights from the recent BCSTA Academy.

Trustee Sacré shared that local bargaining would be starting soon.

C.9. 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 Seminar Meetings
 - Indigenous Education Council Meeting
 - Inclusion Committee Meeting
 - District Student Leadership and Board of Education Meeting
 - District Student Leadership Council Meeting
 - Safe and Caring Schools Meeting
 - Calendar Committee Meeting
 - Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
 - Policy Review Committee
 - NVPAC General Meeting

C.9. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- Children and Youth Safe and Active Transportation Meeting
 - BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
 - BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting – Update from Minister Whiteside and PHO
 - BCSTA Metro Meeting
 - Physical Literacy for Communities North Vancouver Committee Meeting
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- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Various School Visits
 - Vancouver Coastal Health – Dr. Choi Presentation to NVSD and WVSD Board Trustees
 - BCSTA Academy
 - NVPAC Treasurer 101 Presentation
 - District of North Vancouver Council Workshop – Active Transportation and Slow Streets

During the Trustees' Reports, Trustee Tsiakos provided a notice of motion which will be included on a future agenda as an information item.

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, January 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Virtual
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Potentially Hybrid/In-Person
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Virtual
Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Potentially Hybrid/In-Person

E. Public Question & Comment Period

Due to COVID-19 and moving the meeting to a virtual platform, the Board of Education did not take questions or comments in real time. Members of the public were asked to email their submission in to publiccomments@sd44.ca.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

January 18, 2022

Date

Original signed by K. Mann

Kulvir Mann
Chair, Board of Education

January 18, 2022

Date