

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, February 19, 2019.

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

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.

On February 27, 2019 the North Vancouver School District will recognize Pink Shirt Day to help bring awareness and stand up to bullying.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Gerlach

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

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

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.

Kitty Castle, resident of North Vancouver, spoke in favour of a Handsworth Track. Ms. Castle provided a history of the track at Handsworth and urged the Board of Education to resolve the concerns that the community has surrounding track and field in North Vancouver.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public meeting of January 22, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Seycove Secondary School

Students from Seycove Secondary are the first in the North Vancouver School District to participate in an *American Sign Language* (ASL) course. During course programming, last year (2017/18) ASL was requested by enough students to fill two blocks of ASL 8-12 for the 2018/19 school year. ASL is a modern language, and qualifies both as a graduation requirement and an admission requirement for post-Secondary.

Olivia Tommasi and Linnea Chute, both students at Seycove Secondary presented to the Board of Education in sign language. Their entire presentation was silent, with an interpreter providing the voice for the students. This course, as Olivia and Linnea explained, has provided an amazing opportunity for inclusion, and has allowed students who are *Deaf and Hard of Hearing* to build connections and relationships with their classmates and their community with confidence.

A.5. Student Presentation – Seycove Secondary School (continued)

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked the students and teachers for their courage to present and share their reflections.

B.1. Meetings

Chair Sacré introduced this agenda item noting that it was first brought to the Board's attention at the October 16, 2018 Public Board Meeting. After reading the motion, Trustees shared their support, noting that increased transparency and debate in the public is a priority of the North Vancouver Board of Education. It was suggested that more information and discussion should be held in Standing Committee Meetings.

Moved by J. Stanley

that the North Vancouver Board of Education direct staff to present information and materials formerly presented in private seminars at public standing committee meetings wherever possible.

Seconded by S. Skinner

Carried

B.2. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2018/19

Financial Services Director Kristen Watson introduced this agenda item and noted that the Board is being asked to adopt an Amended Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2018/19 pursuant to Section 113 of the *School Act* which provides the authority for a Board to amend its annual budget bylaw. The Amended Budget in the amount of \$189,551,079 takes into account changes in revenue and expenditures that have occurred since the adoption of the 2018/19 Preliminary Budget on June 27, 2018.

Ms. Watson provided clarification on various budget lines including salary and benefit costs, revenue, and services and supplies. Ms. Watson highlighted the risks and liabilities, operating fund, special purpose and capital funds.

The Board has increased its revenue budget by \$7,297,557 since the adoption of the Preliminary Budget in June 2018. Significant adjustments included an increase to the Operating Grant budget estimate by \$2,755,244 as a result of higher than anticipated enrolment. The Classroom Enhancement Fund Grant was increased by \$3,323,667 to fund the provisions of restored contract language. International Student Tuition fee revenue was increased by \$1,043,125 as a result of higher international student enrollment. The use of \$4,461,828 of Accumulated Operating Surplus balances the Operating Budget.

Total planned expenditures increased by \$3,047,959. This was largely attributed to an increase in staffing that was required to meet ratio staffing and restored language provisions. The Salary and Benefit expense budget decreased, compared to the Preliminary Budget, as a result of a reduction to some Employer funded payroll taxes. Other increases were made to the supplies expense budget, and consulting budgets.

In response to Trustees' questions, Director of Finance Kristen Watson, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison and Superintendent Mark Pearmain provided clarification regarding surplus, the transfer of surplus to local capital, escalating construction costs, enrollment increases, academies and pension funds.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/19 be read a first time;

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.2. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2018/19 (continued)

Moved by K. Mann

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/19 be read a second time;

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

The Board unanimously agreed to proceed to a third reading of the bylaw.

Moved by D. Bruce

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/19 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

B.3. Motion for BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting

Introducing this agenda item, Chair Sacré noted that in order to put forward motions to the BCSTA AGM, boards of education must pass the final wording of the motion by a majority vote. Trustee Gerlach shared the rationale and history behind the two motions and asked for the Board's approval to move forward with the motion.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the two substantive motions as attached to this memorandum of February 19, 2019.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

C.1. Before and After School Care Update

Chair Sacré invited Deborah Wanner, District Principal of Enhanced Programs, to the table to provide an update on Child Care availability within the North Vancouver School District. Ms. Wanner shared that the School District has a variety of child care programs running at 25 of 31 schools. These programs include: parent participation preschool, transitional preschool, daycare, and before and after school care. Some of these are not-for-profit and some of these are for profit, managed and provided by proprietors, which are overseen and licenced by Vancouver Coastal Health. *StrongStart* is a parent and child drop in program funded by the Ministry of Education and run by North Vancouver School District staff.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Ms. Wanner and Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison provided clarification on the costs of *StrongStart*, before and after school care, and the future plans of the North Shore child care planning session. Ending the presentation, Trustees provided direction to staff to continue conversations with the City and District of North Vancouver regarding space for child care.

C.2. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects as well as the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Notification was provided to the Board of Education regarding the track at Handsworth.

C.3. Thursday, January 23, 2019 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Gerlach reported on the meeting that focused on Enhanced programs in the North Vancouver School District.

C.4. Tuesday, January 15, 2019 Education and Programs Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Bruce reported on the meeting that focused on building the budget. Trustee Bruce shared that the next meeting would be held on April 2, 2019 with presentations from the School District Partner Groups.

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:

- Handsworth Secondary Schools – field trip to Japan (April 2-16, 2019)
- Sutherland Secondary School – field trip to Anaheim, CA, USA (April 11-14, 2019)

C.6. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared updates from his visits to secondary and elementary schools. The 2019 Employee Engagement Survey was completed in February and the results of the survey will help the North Vancouver School District reflect and grow as a organization. Superintendent Pearmain shared he will be sleeping out on February 28, 2019, to support youth homelessness and raise money for the Covenant House Vancouver. Thanks were provided to the community for their understanding during the winter weather when schools were closed due to the snow.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker shared information that was discussed at the BCSTA/BCPSEA Trustee Orientation Recap which was held on January 25-26, 2019. It was noted that Provincial Council was held on February 8-9, 2019 and discussion largely focused on the new funding model. Trustee Gerlach updated the Board on the BCPSEA AGM.

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
 - Safe and Caring Schools Meeting
 - Presidents Council Meeting
 - Brooksbank PAC Meeting
 - Meeting with Mayor Buchanan
 - Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
 - CYSAT Meeting
 - NVRCC Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Signing of the Tripartite Agreement
 - Tour of Boundary School
 - Tour of Upper Lynn School
 - Sutherland Act Foundation
 - Capilano Elementary – Enactus Competition
 - NVTAP Professional Day
 - BCSTA Leadership Workshop
 - BCSTA Provincial Council
 - DNV Transportation Workshop
 - BCPSEA AGM

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Finance & Facilities Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Education & Programs Standing Committee 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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

March 12, 2019

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

March 12, 2019

Date