

## 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, 2020.

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

**ABSENT:** M. Tasi Baker

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### A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged. Chair Sacré introduced Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan, sitting in for Superintendent Pearmain, who was attending a school event in support of students and families of a recent tragedy. Acknowledgement also went out to the city and district municipalities, the facilities department, administrators, custodians, students and parents for keeping our schools safe and secure on the snow day. Lastly, Chair Sacré acknowledged the passing of artist, Gordon Smith, and his contributions to the Artist for Kids Program and Gordon Smith Gallery.

### A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by D. Bruce

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.

Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes and Stephanie Aldridge, both residents of the North Vancouver, spoke in favour of the IB Program at Norgate Elementary School.

Carolyn Pena, Vice-Chair of the North Vancouver Teachers Association, shared that the NVTAs was in support of having opportunities to provide input.

### A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the minutes of the public meeting of December 10, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

#### **A.5. Student Presentation – Carisbrooke Elementary School**

Carisbrooke Elementary School students in Mr. Western's class shared with the Board their personal experience working on three projects: a creative writing assignment anchored with the dialogue of another story, a science exhibit on natural selection and a design challenge. In each of these projects, they were given the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the core competencies by working collaboratively with others, thinking critically and creatively about the assignments and how they can most effectively communicate their ideas and their learning.

Students Max Franco, Ben Nelson, Laila Gul, Tristan Hoffart and Aly Lake spoke on how these projects taught them how to communicate effectively with one another, build strong problem solving skills and share ideas with others. Cason Graham student, Lauren Gibson, shared how the transition from elementary to secondary school was successful with the skills she learned in Mr. Western's class.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan thanked the students for their courage to present and share their reflections.

#### **B.1. Board Committee and Trustee Representational Assignments (2020)**

Chair Sacré introduced this item and advised that, in accordance with [Policy 102: Board of Education – Committees and Representation](#), Trustees had met to discuss their preferences for committee appointments in the 2020 calendar year.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Board approve the Chair's appointments of Trustees as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of January 21, 2020, and make the appointments effective January 21, 2020.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

#### **B.2. New Policy 309: Provision of Menstrual Products to Students**

Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan introduced this agenda item and highlighted that in order to be in compliance as a School District, the Board of Education will ensure that students of all gender identities will have access to free menstrual products in the school washrooms.

In response to Trustees questions, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison clarified what the cost to the School District would be for the dispensary machines and product on a yearly basis and confirmed that the Facilities Department sourced the dispensary unit and chose to go with a more resilient and sturdy product.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed New Policy 309: Provision of Menstrual Products to Students*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of January 21, 2020.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

#### **B.3. IB Program Expansion**

Introducing this agenda item, Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson and District Principal Kathleen Barter presented the Board with an overview of the consultations undertaken and the feedback received on the proposal for expansion of the International Baccalaureate Organization's Primary Years Programme at Norgate Community Elementary School. Mr. Atkinson and Ms. Barter provided to the Board an update on the implementation plan and budget for PYP programme expansion.

With the support of both Mr. Atkinson and the Norgate school administration, and in coordination with NVSD Communications Manager Deneka Michaud, Ms. Barter organized a series of consultation and information meetings to communicate the consideration of Norgate Community

**B.3. IB Program Expansion (continued)**

Elementary School as the next location for IB expansion and to receive community feedback on the proposal.

In response to Trustees questions, Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson clarified that the IB Program will be funded by the increase in student enrolment and the program will be available for the 2020/21 school year.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve the selection of Norgate Community Elementary School as the location of the school district's third International Baccalaureate Organization's Primary Years Programme;

and that the Board of Education direct staff to make application to the International Baccalaureate Organization for the candidacy of Norgate Community Elementary School as an authorized IBO Primary Years Programme school.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

**B.4. Committee of the Whole**

Chair Sacré provided feedback to the Board from meetings with the Committee tasked with considering the Committee of the Whole motion that was on the table at the September 2019 Public Board Meeting.

Chair Sacré shared with the Board some suggestions and feedback from the Committee and highlighted that the Committee's purpose was to discuss the motion only.

Chair Sacré read the motion that was on the table September 24, 2019 that was to be revisited by the Board.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to create a Committee of the Whole that would allow for partner group input into motions that are tabled for the Public Board Meeting. That the Committee of the Whole be open to representatives from partner groups. The proposed Committee of the Whole will be on the same day as the Public Board Meeting beginning October (2019); starting at 4:30 pm.

Seconded by D. Bruce

After further discussion on the Committee of the Whole, Trustee Gerlach made an amendment to the motion to remove the last sentence seconded by Trustee Higgins and it was carried.

Chair Sacré read the amended main motion and it was defeated.

A new motion was brought to the table by Vice Chair Tsiakos.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board directs the Superintendent to prepare several Board meeting Agenda options that would address feedback and discussion we had today on January 21, 2020 and provide the Board with options by no later than April 2020.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

**C.1. North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA) Pro D Report 2018/19**

Each year through the Collective Agreement; the Board provides a grant to the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA) to fund professional development. Robin Deleurme, President of the NVTA, Carolyn Pena, Vice-President of the NVTA, and Tammy Daley, Chair of the

**C.1. North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA) Pro D Report 2018/19 (continued)**

Association's Professional Development Committee, were welcomed to the table to present the NVTA Professional Development Report.

Ms. Daley shared with the Board, the NVTA Pro D Report and highlighted that the NVTA contributed \$52,232 to its Professional Development program, all teachers were eligible to receive up to \$300 for reimbursement for Professional Development and in February 2019 the NVTA hosted a District Wide Illuminate Conference with keynote speaker Dr. Andrew Miki on teacher mental health.

In response to Trustee's questions, Ms. Pena and Ms. Daley explained the application process in accessing funds for professional development and highlighted that Indigenous Education and Social Emotional Health were the most popular workshops attended.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré thanked the NVTA team for their presentation.

**C.2. School Calendar 2020/21 – Update**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson provided the Board of Education with an update on the work that has been completed with the proposed school calendar for the 2020/21 school year. The 2020/21 calendar proposal developed by the School District's School Calendar Committee will be published to the School District website on January 22, 2020, and notification of a one-month public comment period to February 21, 2020 will be provided to staff and parents of students via the School District's Sangha communication system.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson clarified that during snow days and power outages, any loss of time can not be made up.

**C.3. Land Management Update**

Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan updated the Board on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects as well as the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Notification was provided that there is no change in the status of Lucas Centre and Cloverley.

**C.4. 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 School – field trip to Los Angeles, CA (April 23 - 26, 2020)
- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Anaheim, CA (April 30 - May 4, 2020)

**C.5. Superintendent's Report**

Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan acknowledged the passing of Gordon Smith and his contribution to the Arts and our Community. Highlights for Dr. Ryan this month included co-chairing a review team for the Qualicum School District on Alternate Education and school visits to Windsor Secondary, Lynnmour, Sherwood Park and Seymour Heights Elementary Schools. Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan also acknowledged the staff that participated in keeping the schools safe and secure on the District Wide Snow Day, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

Trustee Mann informed the Board that the BCSTA Leadership Series will be held on February 18, 2020 in West Vancouver and BCSTA Provincial Council is scheduled for February 21-22, 2020. Trustee Gerlach noted that the BCPSEA AGM is on January 30-31, 2020 and asked Trustees for feedback on the budget prior to the BCPSEA AGM meeting.

**C.7. Trustees’ Reports**

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
  - Trustee Seminar
  - BCPEAS Conference Call
  - BCSTA Inclusive Education Working Group
  - North Shore Table Matters Meeting
  - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
  - Flip the Script Meeting with Lorie Barton
  - Active Routes to School Meeting
  - Meeting with District of West Vancouver Mayor Mary-Ann Booth
  - Meeting with MLA Bowinn Ma
  - NVTa Executive Meeting
  - Handsworth Students Meeting
  - AFK Committee Meeting
  - Handsworth Pac Meeting
  - Public Board Meeting
  - Board Planning Meeting
  - Policy Review Committee Meeting
  
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
  - Braemar Christmas Play
  - Griffin Art Projects Final Residency Presentations
  - Brooksbank Walking Tour
  - Eastview Walking Tour
  - Capilano University Shipyards Open House Celebration
  - Candlelight Ceremony for Iranian Community and Friends at CNV Civic Square
  - Cleveland Elementary School Visit
  - Southlands Elementary School Visit
  - Queen Mary Elementary Holiday Market
  - Ross Road Elementary Winter Fair
  - Argyle Secondary Choir Open House at Lynn Valley Library
  - Carson Graham Secondary Community Christmas Dinner
  - Westview Elementary Christmas Music Concert
  - Queen Mary Elementary Christmas Music Concert
  - Larson Elementary Christmas Music Concert
  - Montroyal Elementary Classroom Visit with Martin Stuitable
  - NVSD Public Open House – New Strategic Plan
  - North Shore Food & Children Collaborative Event
  - Norgate Christmas Breakfast and Concert

**D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm	Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 6:30 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm	Finance and Facilities 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 8:49 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by G. Allison*

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Georgia Allison  
Secretary Treasurer

*February 25, 2020*

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Date

*Original signed by C. Sacré*

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Christie Sacré  
Chair, Board of Education

*February 25, 2020*

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Date