

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, January 22, 2019.

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

ABSENT: D. Bruce
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.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Following a request to include BCPSEA Special Education Advisory Committee as Item B.3., the agenda was amended.

Moved by G. Tsiakos
that the agenda be adopted as amended.
Seconded by C. Gerlach

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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann
that the minutes of the public meeting of December 11, 2018 be approved as circulated.
Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Handsworth Secondary School

Students from Handsworth Secondary School shared an overview of the mentoring program and retreat designed for incoming Grade 8 students. Over the past three years, the Handsworth community has set out to design, plan, and implement a program that welcomes each Grade 8 student. Through sharing personal experiences the Grade 12 students who presented explained how they see a shifting culture within each new Grade 8 community and how in turn, that has begun to have an impact of the Handsworth community as a whole.

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

B.1. Election to BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Chair Sacré reported that the current BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) representative had to step down due to work related reasons. As a result of this, the Board must elect one Trustees 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 BCPSEA for 2019. 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 2019. Trustee Higgins nominated Trustee Bruce. There being no other nominations, Trustee Bruce was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCPSEA.

B.2. Meetings

Chair Sacré introduced this agenda item noting there were multiple requests from Trustees to postpone the motion until all members of the Board are in attendance.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the motion be postponed to the February 19, 2019 meeting.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

B.3. BCSTA Special Needs Advisory Committee

Introducing this agenda item, Chair Sacré noted that due to the short time line, this motion is being brought up by Trustee Gerlach in order to adhere to the BC School Trustees Association's deadline. Trustee Gerlach shared the rationale behind the motion and asked for Trustee's approval to move forward with the motion.

Moved by C. Gerlach

That BCSTA amend Bylaw 11 to include a Special Needs Advisory Committee. That the Special Needs Advisory Committee shall consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by the President, one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Directors (other than the Chief Executive Officer) who shall also act as a liaison between the Committee and the Board of Directors.

The mandate of the Committee is understood to encompass issues affecting the education of all special needs students.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

C.1. North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA) Pro D Report 2017/18

Each year through the Collective Agreement; the Board provides a grant to the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA) to fund professional development. Martin Stuble, 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 Leigh Koenigsfest, teacher at Boundary Elementary School and, Kelsey Beaudry, teacher at Sutherland Secondary School. Both these teachers were able to benefit from the NVTA's professional development fund.

As examples of how the professional development funds are used, Ms. Koenigsfest described her experience with courses she attended and how the developmental opportunities have assisted her to excel professionally. Ms. Beaudry benefited from the professional development fund by searching out specific courses on social studies, which allowed her to specialize in particular subjects.

C.1. North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa) Pro D Report 2017/18 (continued)

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

C.2. Summer Learning Update

Kathleen Barter, District Principal, and the Summer Learning administrative team, Kammi Clark, Meghan Downie, Janice Mann, Jennifer Tieche and Hilary Watt, provided an overview and update of the Summer Learning Program to the Board of Education.

Ms. Barter shared that the focus of the Summer Learning Program is on innovative programming and the work of providing opportunities for students continues to evolve and develop. To support these directions, Summer Learning provides a community of collaboration, innovation, and reflection. Ms. Mann continued, noting that the goal of the Elementary Summer Learning Program is to develop student self-awareness and self-advocacy with an emphasis on student engagement through hands on learning, and increasing confidence when approaching new learning. Ms. Tieche provided information on Secondary Learning Program, noting that the collaborative and vibrant environment drives the teachers at summer learning. Ms. Watt provided an overview on student engagement and learning.

Ms. Barter responded to Trustees' questions regarding funding, start time and program growth. On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré thanked the Summer Learning administrative team.

C.3. Academy Programs Update

Michael Kee, Principal, Distributed Learning & District Academies, presented and updated current Academy offerings in the North Vancouver School District. Currently there are 11 Academy offerings with 21 classes and a total of 581 students enrolled. Mr. Kee shared that there are three expressions of interests for new Academies: rowing, skiing racing and rugby. These will be explored further in the current school year.

C.4. BAA Course Update

Chair Sacré invited Michael Kee, Principal, Distributed Learning & District Academies, to present and update the Board of Education on BAA courses. Mr. Kee shared that boards of education are required to review and update their Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses to align with the current Ministry of Education requirements. At the same time, Boards/Authorities should retire any BAA course not meeting new Ministry requirements. Through this process, teachers were invited to apply to be involved in rewriting Grade 11 and Grade 12 BAA courses.

Mr. Kee explained that Grade 10 courses were re-designed to fit the new BAA framework in June 2018, Grade 11 and 12 courses were re-designed in 2018/19 and this year, all BAA courses will be reviewed on a four year cycle.

Chair Sacré thanked Mr. Kee for his presentation to the Board of Education.

C.5. 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.

C.6. Tuesday, January 15, 2019 Education and Programs Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Mann reported on the meeting that focused on inclusive education in the North Vancouver School District.

C.7. 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:

- Carson Graham Secondary Schools – field trip to Costa Rica (March 17-28, 2019)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Denmark (March 17-27, 2019)

C.8. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared updates from his visits to secondary and elementary schools. Special recognition was provided to the significant Protocol Agreement for Collaboration and Communication signed by representatives from the Squamish Nation Council and the North Vancouver School District.

C.9. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers’ Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Mann informed the Board that the BCSTA Provincial Council is scheduled for February 9, 2019. Trustee Gerlach noted that the BCPSEA AGM is on January 23, 2019 and asked Trustees for input on the motions being put forward.

C.10. 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
 - Integrated Transportation Meeting
 - Meeting with DNV Mayor Little
 - Ridgeway Elementary PAC Meeting
 - AFK Committee Meeting
 - Communications Committee Meeting
 - North Shore Restorative Justice Society Advisory Committee Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Protocol Signing Ceremony
 - NVTa and BOE Dinner
 - Lynn Valley School Camp Read
 - Canyon Heights Elementary Victorian Luncheon
 - Various Christmas Concerts
 - Capilano Elementary School Dragon’s Den Panel
 - Various school site visits

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
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 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 9:45 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

February 19, 2019

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

February 19, 2019

Date