

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, March 10, 2020.

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

A1. 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 highlighted events from the School District's Class Acts 2020 week which celebrates school programs and students and addressed COVID-19 and shared that staff are monitoring it closely and taking heed from Vancouver Coastal Health's direction.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

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.

During the Public Comment Period, residents of North Vancouver, Andrew Wilczynski, Paul Kevener, Rob Britton, and Craig Lundy from Tsawwassen spoke to the Elite Hockey Academy Proposal and shared their concerns.

Andrea Eilers, resident of North Vancouver, spoke in support of the Performance Learning Program (PLP) at Seycove Secondary and noted that due to the limited space in the program that the registration should be only available to students from the North Vancouver School District.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public meeting of February 25, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

A.5. Moved by C. Sacré

Amend the previously adopted Minutes of Agenda Item B.4. of the Public Meeting of January 21, 2020, as circulated.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

A.6. Student Presentation – Dorothy Lynas Elementary School

Grade 6 and 7 students from Mrs. Lonneberg's and Ms. Denny's classes presented the story of their highly engaging, collaborative literacy project "Battle of the Books". The project is one that celebrates and nurtures reading and has motivated students to re-engage with literature and intentionally find time for reading.

Students Holly Latta, Sierra Earl-Thomas, Alfie Hebson and Max Louie shared with the Board the process they undertook to read and understand a total of 15 novels as well as their preparation and approach to their mock "Battle of the Books" competition.

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

B.1. Policy 203: Communicating Student Learning to Parents (Reporting)

Kathleen Barter, District Principal, introduced this agenda item and provided a review of the draft changes to *Policy 203: Communicating Student Learning to Parents (Reporting)*. The North Vancouver School District Policy Review Committee met on January 13, 2020, which included Trustees Christie Sacré and George Tsiakos, representatives from the secondary and elementary school administrators (NOVA) and the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa). The North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), District Student Leadership Council (DSLc) and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 389) representatives sent their regrets.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Board of Education approve Proposed Revised Policy 203: Communicating Student Learning to Parents (Reporting), as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of March 10, 2020.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.2. Proposed 2020/21 School Calendar for Board Approval

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 was published to the School District website on January 24, 2020, and notification of a one-month public comment period was provided to staff and parents of students through the online engagement tool Thoughtexchange.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson clarified that the school year start and end dates coincide with Metro Vancouver however, there is no requirement to do so.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2020/21 School Calendar as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of March 10, 2020.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

B.3. Physical Literacy

Chair Christie Sacré introduced this agenda item and highlighted that research shows that students who are more physically active are healthier, both physically and mentally. Research also shows that children who are not properly taught the fundamentals of movement at a young age, are not comfortable with their own abilities and can become less active.

According to Dr. Dean Kreillaars, students need to be taught the fundamental movement skills before they are 10 -11 years old, in order to be more successful. Like academics, there is value in

B.3. Physical Literacy (continued)

assessing students on these fundamental skills to make sure that the skills are being learned as it is proven that a physically fit child is more confident, better able to learn, socially and emotionally healthier and a more physically resilient adult.

Professional development sessions are being offered in our School District for educators to learn more about and how to teach physical literacy, most recently at the February 20th Professional Development Day at Sutherland Secondary School. As well, our Board is advocating through BC School Trustees Association that post-secondary institutions need to teach physical literacy skills to teachers but we also need to work with the students that we have in our schools today.

Moved by C. Sacré

to direct the Superintendent to investigate what is needed in order to assess the physical literacy of our elementary age students and report back to the Board by June 23, 2020 with a potential plan and any associated costs.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

The Chair called a recess at 7:34 p.m. and called the meeting back to Order at 7:38 p.m.

C.1. RCMP Presentation

North Vancouver RCMP Superintendent Ghalib Bhayani, was invited to the table to present to the Board and discuss his Vision for the North Vancouver RCMP and discuss opportunities for collaboration with the North Vancouver School District.

Superintendent Bhayani introduced himself to the Board and shared his past 28 years of work experience as an officer in the policing service. A university educator, parent and a responsible adult, Superintendent Bhayani has a better insight of what it's like to have a child growing up in the North Vancouver community.

Relationships have been created with the School Trustees, the Superintendent and school staff and Superintendent Bhayani has made it his goal to meet as many partners and stakeholders as possible to understand what is important to adults and children in this community.

Superintendent Bhayani shared that his key priorities are in alignment with the Board of Education, acknowledging and building relationships with the diverse communities including the youth and indigenous people, minimizing the footprint on traditional territories, addressing the mental health and substance use issues across the School District of all ages and to optimize the North Vancouver RCMP officers in order to continue to serve the community.

The PAR 5 Model has been implemented where officers attend the elementary schools during recess and lunch to engage with the children to help build positive role modeling and create relationships with parents. Superintendent Bhayani would like to launch an Advisory Committee made up of youth, LGTBQ, indigenous and seniors to help inform and give direction on how to better serve the people that are impacted the most. Strategies on cyber bullying, ICBC Graduated Licensing Program, distracted driving are areas of concern and Superintendent Bhayani concluded that his commitment is to listen, be responsive and work with the community and youth.

Chair Sacré thanked Superintendent Bhayani for sharing his Vision with the Board and acknowledged that his values were in alignment with the North Vancouver School District.

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 that there was no change in the status of Lucas Centre and Cloverley sites and shared that he was hopeful that there will be an update on Cloverley from the Ministry at the next Public Board Meeting.

C.3. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain provided an update to the Board about the efforts that were being taken in the North Vancouver School District to help prevent the risk of transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

Superintendent Pearmain recognized that the efforts to help reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 with increased cleaning and disinfecting of high-touch surfaces will continue and that there is consideration of further measures for the coming week and the weeks following Spring Break. Students and staff have been asked to stay home if they are sick or a family member is sick to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

In response to Trustees questions, Superintendent Pearmain clarified that the School District is taking direction from the Provincial Health Officer and Vancouver Coastal Health and any communication to families would be under their direction and will be available on the North Vancouver School District website, School Messenger and by email.

C.4. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker shared with the Board that the BCSTA Annual General Meeting will be on April 16 – 19, 2020.

There was no update on BCPSEA.

C.5. Trustees' Reports

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - PluginBC Meeting
 - Meeting with Larson PAC
 - DSLC Meeting at Handsworth
 - North Shore Restorative Justice Society AGM Meeting
 - North Shore Table Matters Meeting
 - Westview ICBC Driving Awareness
 - Public Board Meeting
 - NVPAC Budget Meeting
 - Argyle Youth & Philanthropy Meeting
 - BCSTA Conference Call
 - Secove PAC Meeting
 - Integrated Transportation Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Ridgeway Coast Salish Peace Bone Game
 - Ridgeway Parking/Traffic Open House
 - CNV City Hall Pink Shirt Day
 - Carson Graham Pink Shirt Day Presentation
 - Westview Pink Shirt Day School Visit
 - Larson Pink Shirt Day School Visit

C.5. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- Queen Mary Pink Shirt Day Assembly
- ICBC Day at Handsworth Secondary
- Carson Graham Career Fair
- Intermediate Music Festival at Centennial Theatre
- NVSD Strategic Planning Session #2 at Carson Graham
- Westview ICBC Distracted Driving Awareness Safety Blitz
- Rick Hansen Ambassador Presentation at Canyon Heights
- 25 Year Employee Recognition
- Canyon Heights ICBC Distracted Driving Awareness Safety Blitz
- Handsworth Ground Breaking Ceremony
- Sherwood Park Sensory Room
- Sherwood Park Principal Shadowing for the Day
- Staff Orientation
- Boundary School Visit

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.	Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board 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.

Paul Kevener and Tiffany Britton, both residents of North Vancouver, spoke on the Elite Hockey Academy proposal and requested that the Board make a full investigation prior to making any further decisions.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.54 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

April 28, 2020

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

April 28, 2020

Date