

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, November 15, 2016.

PRESENT: C. Sacré, Chair
F. Stratton, Vice Chair
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
J. Stanley

ABSENT: B. Forward
S. Skinner

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

Moved by F. Stratton

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

Seconded by J. Stanley

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.

Martin Stuible, President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, spoke on behalf of all teachers regarding the BC Supreme Court of Canada decision.

Barry Fenton, resident of North Vancouver spoke on behalf of the Blueridge Community, asking about the status of Blueridge Elementary School.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the minutes of the public meeting of October 18, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Seymour Heights

Students from Seymour Heights Elementary presented on learning differences, honouring diversity in the curriculum, instruction, assessments and how social emotional learning serves to enhance student engagement and deepen student learning.

Through an interview process and iMovie, Principal Chanin Smyth and Vice Principal Ann Copp guided the presentation and helped Ariel Ostrowercha, Brodie Ostrowercha and Makena Voth explain how their different learning technics are being fostered at Seymour Heights Elementary School.

B.1. Motion to Defer: Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Sacré introduced this agenda item, stating that the Board of Education required additional time to deliberate. It was decided that the term for the Board Chair and Vice Chair would be from January 1, 2017 till November 30, 2017.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board of Education defer the election of Board Chair and Vice Chair until the Public Board Meeting of December 6, 2016.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

B.2. 2016/17 Operating Budget Development Consultation Process

Georgia Allison, Secretary Treasurer, introduced this item noting that at this time, a budget consultation framework is developed in preparation of the Annual Budget. The proposed process involves the Board inviting its five partner groups and the public to attend budget information and discussion sessions that will provide opportunities for their input.

The following process and timelines were proposed for the 2016/17 Budget Development Process:

1. February 7, 2017 – Public Standing Committee Meeting
2. March 28, 2017 – Public Standing Committee Meeting
3. April 3, 2017 – Written submissions by partner groups to be received
4. April 18, 2017 – Public Board Meeting
5. May 16, 2017 – Public Board Meeting

Secretary Treasurer Allison shared that an invitation with the processes and timelines would be sent to partner groups and the North Vancouver District's Audit Committee.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education approve the proposed process and timelines identified within Board Schedule B.1. for the development of the 2017/18 Budget.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

B.3. Proposed Revised Policy 804: Smoking on Board Premises

Superintendent Mark Pearmain noted that *Policy 804: Smoking on Board Premises* has been updated to follow the BC Tobacco and Vapour Products Control Act.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed Revised Policy 804: Smoking and Vaping on Board Premises*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of November 15, 2016.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

B.4. Elected Boards

Trustee Stanley introduced this agenda item and provided a narrative to support the motion put forward by the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) regarding an elected board of education. Trustee Stanley noted that democratically elected boards of education are an integral aspect of public education.

After a discussion held by Trustees, a motion was put forward to postpone the recommended motion until a Trustee Seminar could be held to obtain more information.

B.4. Elected Boards (continued)

The meeting recessed at 8:13 pm and reconvened at 8:21 pm.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the motion be postponed to the next Trustee Seminar for further discussion.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Defeated

Continuing the narration, Trustees agreed to the importance of supporting communities and their right to have an elected board of education.

Moved by J. Stanley

that the Board of Education of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) write to the Minister of Education to express their support of the letter written by the BCSTA dated November 1, 2016 and the democratic right of the public to an elected Board of Education. Further, and consistent with the BCSTA communication, that the Board of Education of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) urge the Ministry of Education to immediately include in the terms of reference for official trustees, a date for a by-election which shall be set within six months of a board being fired and that SD 83 and SD 39 be affected by the said change immediately. Additionally, that the Board of Education of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) call on the Minister of Education to amend the School Act Section 1.72 (3) to require a by-election be held within one year in the event that an “official trustee” has been appointed to a District Board of Education.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Defeated

C.1. North Vancouver Teachers’ Association (NVTa) Pro D Report 2015/16

Each year through the Collective Agreement; the Board provides a grant of \$94,500 to the North Vancouver Teachers’ Association (NVTa) to fund professional development. Martin Stuiblé, President of the NVTa, and Carolyn Pena, Chairperson 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 the following teachers: Jeeniece Chand, teacher at Sherwood Park Elementary and teacher leader for the Seycove Family of Schools; Michael Pruner, teacher at Windsor Secondary and President of the BC Association of Mathematics Teachers; and Anne Watt, teacher at Ridgeway Elementary. As examples of how the professional development funds are used, these teachers described their experiences and how these developmental opportunities have assisted them to excel professionally.

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

C.2. North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council Annual Report 2015/16

To provide highlights of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council’s activities in the 2015/16 year, Chair Sacré welcomed Amanda Nichol, NVPAC Chair, to the table.

Ms. Nichol thanked the Board for its continued support both financially and also for the provision of meeting space for the NVPAC’s general meetings and special events held at the Education Services Centre. In her report, Ms. Nichol highlighted the 2015/16 year.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré thanked Ms. Nichol for her for supporting all Parent Advisory Councils in the North Vancouver School District.

C.3. Organization of Classes Report – 2016/17

Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan introduced this item and stated that, although no longer required by legislation, the monitoring and tracking of changes in class size organization experienced from year to year is helpful to the Board. Assistant Superintendents Atkinson and Ryan walked through the detailed [Organization of Classes Report](#), which identified class sizes at each level.

C.4. Land, Learning and Livability Community Engagement - Update

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and updated the Board on the Argyle Secondary School Replacement Project, Handsworth Secondary School Project and progress relating to the proposed Lower Lonsdale Elementary School.

C.5. Tuesday, November 8, 2016 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Higgins reported on the meeting that focussed on the new curriculum K-9 and Assessment Updates.

C.6. 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:

- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Orlando, FL, USA (February 3-13, 2017)
- Handsworth Secondary School – field trip to Cuba (March 7-15, 2017)
- Windsor Secondary School – field trip to London, England (March 8-14, 2017)

C.7. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights of his visits to elementary and secondary schools and provided the Board of Education with an update on the BC Supreme Court decision ruling in favour of BC teachers.

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

Trustee Gerlach noted that the BCSTA Provincial Council took place October 28 – 29, 2016 and referenced a conference call with BCPSEA clarifying the BC Supreme Court decision. Trustee Stratton shared that the BCSTA Finance Committee, at the Provincial Council, presented a number of factors that would impact the 2017/18 budget.

C.9. 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
 - Trustee Seminar
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting
 - City of North Vancouver Council Meeting
 - MLAs, Chairs, Superintendents, Secretary Treasurers Meeting

C.9. Trustees' Reports (continued)

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
- BCSTA Provincial Council
 - BCSTA Finance Committee Meeting
 - BCSTA Aboriginal Education Meeting
 - North Shore Restorative Justice Society Gala
 - NVPAC Curriculum Evening
 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting - Enhanced Programs	Sutherland Secondary School 1860 Sutherland Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public 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 10:05 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

December 6, 2016

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

December 6, 2016

Date