

## 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, October 20, 2020.

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

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### A. Call to Order

Board Chair Christie Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Chair Sacré recognized the following important dates in October: World Teachers Day, World Mental Health Day and National Principals and Vice Principals month.

### A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

### A.3. Public Comment Period

Shirlee Law, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the Temporary Transitional Support Program and the Hospital Homebound Program. Ms. Law shared she would like to see a blending the two programs in order to create a fuller curriculum.

### A.4. Stakeholder Comment Period

As per the motion passed on May 26, 2020, the Board of Education provided a twenty minute stakeholder comment period to allow stakeholders to speak to items on the Board of Education Agenda.

Carolyn Pena, President of North Vancouver Teachers' Association, spoke regarding the School District's enrolment and how it is impacting teachers. Ms. Pena requested additional staff be added to the Temporary Transitional Support Program and the Hospital Homebound Program to create a more robust curriculum and questioned why there was no discussion on the agenda relating to the funding provided for COVID-19.

### A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Bruce

that the minutes of the public meeting of September 22, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

### B.1. Anti-Racism Steering Committee

Superintendent Mark Pearmain reported on the work that has been started with the Anti-Racism Steering Committee. Providing a high level update to the Board of Education, Superintendent Pearmain shared a draft set of Terms of Reference, Budget, Steering Committee

**B.1. Anti-Racism Steering Committee (continued)**

Membership and Engagement Plan. Clarification was provided on the engagement plan, the budget and how the committee would choose representatives.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education accept the Terms of Reference, Budget, Engagement Plan and Steering Committee Membership; and,

that the Superintendent host the inaugural meeting of the Anti-Racism Steering Committee no later than November 30, 2020.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

**C.1. Artists for Kids 2019/2020 Annual Report**

Chair Sacré invited Allison Kerr, Director of the Artists for Kids and District Administrator of Fine Arts to present the 2019/2020 Artist for Kids Annual Report. Ms. Kerr introduced Daylen Luchsinger, Vice Principal of Fine Arts, to help report on programs and services provided to the students and community in the last year.

The Board of Education thanked Ms. Kerr and Mr. Luchsinger for continuing to provide innovative programs to students throughout COVID-19.

**C.2. Literacy Centres at Secondary Schools**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson provided an update to the Board on structures in place to support secondary school students in the area of literacy in the North Vancouver School District. There are three pathways that contribute to supports in literacy: identification, programming and, innovation. Using these pathways, along with the teaching to diversity checklist, the School District continues to provide targeted instruction in all classrooms.

**C.3. Enrolment Update**

Superintendent Pearmain introduced this agenda item and provided an update on the School District's enrolment for the 2020/21 school year and highlighted comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments for September 2020.

Enrolment projections are developed each spring to assist with the preparation of the Ministry's Estimated Operating Grant, the development of the School District's operating budget, and to establish staffing levels for the subsequent school year. The projected enrolment for September 2020 for the base grant funding purpose was 15,273 full time equivalent students. Actual enrolment is determined each year through the submission of the 1701 Report to the Ministry of Education, providing detailed information related to student enrolment, course registration for Grades 10, 11 and 12, Distributed Learning course completion, and unique student categories that qualify for supplemental funding.

The Enrolment Update, based on September 29, 2020, reports total actual enrolment at 15,333. The actual school aged student enrolment of 15,333 is above the projected enrolment of 15,273.

A five minute break was observed.

**C.4. Land Management Update**

Superintendent Pearmain referenced the October 6 Facilities and Finance Standing Committee Meeting where a detailed update was provided on the School District's land management portfolio.

**C.5. Tuesday, October 6, 2020, Standing Committee Meeting**

Trustee Tasi Baker reported on the meeting that showcased and provided an update on the progress of the recent Major and Minor Capital projects underway and completed in the Facilities and Planning portfolio over the past year.

**C.6. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Pearmain shared that the School District is currently surveying parents on the re-start plan to gain a better understanding of their concerns and questions. Also noted was the Q&A session that is being planned with Dr. John Harding, Vancouver Coastal Health's new Medical Health Officer for the North Shore and Superintendent Chris Kennedy of the West Vancouver School District. The session will be recorded and shared with families and staff. Special acknowledgement was provided to the organizers of Curriculum Implementation Day.

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

Trustee Gerlach had nothing to report for BCPSEA. Trustee Tasi Baker noted that several motions were put forward for the upcoming BCSTA and invited input from Trustees.

**C.8. Trustees' Reports**

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
  - Public Board Meeting
  - Public Standing Committee Meeting
  - Trustee Seminar Meetings
  - Artists for Kids Management Committee Meeting
  - BCSTA/Board Chairs Meeting
  - Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
  - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
  - CYSAT – Children & Youth Safe and Active Travel Working Group Meeting
  - North Shore Food Network Meeting
  - Active North Shore Network Meeting
  - Physical Literacy for Communities North Vancouver Committee Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
  - Argyle Secondary School Tour
  - Various School Visits
  - Virtual Town Hall – Let's Talk about Achieving Racial Equity hosted by North Shore Multicultural Society
  - BCSTA - Introduction to Legislative Committee

**Notice of Motion**

During Trustees' Reports, Trustee Gerlach advised that she had a notice of motion for addition to the November 17, 2020, Public Board Meeting.

**D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting Education and Programs	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver

**E. Public Question & Comment Period**

Carolyn Pena, President of North Vancouver Teachers' Association, spoke in favour of providing more support to literacy programming in elementary and secondary schools, assistance with cleaning at schools and spoke to the Temporary Transition Support Program.

Superintendent Pearmain responded to Ms. Pena's comments.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by J. Stewart*

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Jacqui Stewart  
Secretary Treasurer

*November 17, 2020*

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Date

*Original signed by C. Sacré*

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Christie Sacré  
Chair, Board of Education

*November 17, 2020*

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Date