

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held virtually through Microsoft Teams in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

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

A. Call to Order

Board Chair George Tsiakos called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

Motion to Approve Trustees Participation by Microsoft Teams

Moved by G. Tsiakos

WHEREAS Section 67 of the *School Act* permits Trustees to participate in or attend a meeting of the Board by telephone or other means of communication if all Trustees and other persons participating in or attending the meeting are able to communicate with each other;

the Board hereby approves the participation by the Trustees in the October 19, 2021, Public Board Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

A.1. Chair Tsiakos' opening remarks

Chair Tsiakos began by thanking School District employees, families and community members, and students for their continued effort in keeping school environments safe. Chair Tsiakos acknowledged World Teachers Day, World Mental Health Day, Persons Day in Canada and Women's History Month which are occurring in the month of October.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and moving the meeting to Microsoft Teams, the Board of Education requested that interested parties email in their submission to be read out by the Board Chair.

Ten written comments from Kirsten Cornwall, Cheri Hansen, Cindy M, Daniel Scherk, Cynthia Mistal, Catherine Brookes, Wayne Llewellyn, Teresa Heinemann, Amanda Carpenter, and Tamara Peterson were received, all comments were regarding vaccine mandates. An additional 23 comments were received and will be circulated to the Board of Education.

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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

A correction to the minutes of September 22, 2021 was requested to note that Trustee Gerlach's absent was personal.

Moved by L. Munro

that the minutes of the public meeting of September 22, 2021, be approved as amended.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

B.1. Proposed Revised Policy 707: School Trust Funds

Director of Financial Services, Kristen Watson, introduced this agenda item noting that Policy 707: School Trust Funds required revision to accommodate the cancellation of multiple school events as a result of COVID-19, and the School District was required to refund families for fees paid. During that process, questions arose regarding the future use of fundraising monies raised by a student or class. In absence of Board policy or administrative procedures, staff developed a list of potential eligible uses for these funds. These eligible uses have been incorporated into the Administrative Procedures for Policy 707: School Trust Funds.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Board of Education approve the *Proposed Revised Policy 707: School Trust Funds*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of October 19, 2021.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.2. Mandatory Staff Vaccinations

The North Vancouver Board of Education would like to consider the implications of a potential COVID-19 vaccination policy for staff throughout the School District in the absence of a Provincial Health Order.

Starting the discussion, Chair Tsiakos read the motion which would direct the Superintendent to work with local organizations to collect information regarding all aspects, challenges and opportunities regarding a potential COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees.

The Board agreed that a calm, measured and ethical approach was needed to be taken regarding a mandated vaccine for staff. It was noted that the unique context of North Vancouver would play an important role in understanding the need to mandate vaccines considering the high vaccine rate on the North Shore. Clarification was provided to the public to confirm this discussion was only surrounding mandatory vaccines for staff and not students.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to review information received from BCPSEA, Ministry of Education, and the Advisory Committee regarding guidelines pertaining to mandatory staff vaccinations, connect with the local Chief Medical Health Officer to gain a greater understanding of our local context, consult with partner groups for feedback, and report back to the Board of Education.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

A short break was observed.

C.1. Artists for Kids 2020/21 Annual Report

Chair Tsiakos invited Allison Kerr, Director of Artists for Kids and District Principal of Fine Arts to present the 2020/21 Artists for Kids Annual Report. Ms. Kerr introduced Daylen Luchsinger, Vice Principal of Arts Education, 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 champion art education in the North Vancouver School District and provide a sense of belonging for all students.

C.2. Physical Literacy Presentation

Director of Education Programs Conor McMullan provided an overview on Physical Literacy through COVID-19 in the North Vancouver School District. Joining Mr. McMullan was Physical Literacy Lead facilitator and Vice Principal at Cleveland, Tina Parker, who shared her perspective on the current Physical Literacy mentoring project.

There are four principles that create a benchmark for Physical Literacy: 1. Motivation and Confidence; 2. Physical Competence; 3. Knowledge and Understanding; and, 4. Behavioural Engagement. Throughout the past year, Ms. Parker has been mentoring schools across the School District to introduce the principles, strengthen the network and show teaching staff how to introduce and follow-up with activities. Several examples of successes and opportunities on the Physical Literacy mentoring project were provided specifically around assessment and working with disabilities.

Concluding the presentation, thanks and appreciation were provided to the work and support of staff in moving Physical Literacy forward in the School District.

C.3. Enrolment Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item and provided an update on the School District's enrolment for the 2021/22 school year and highlighted differences between projected and actual enrolments for key areas for September 2021.

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 2021 for the base grant funding purpose was 15,155 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, 2021, information, reports total actual enrolment at 15,595. The actual School Aged Student enrolment of 15,595 is above projected enrolment of 15,155 by 440.

Motion to Extend

Moved unanimously
to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m.

C.4. Land Management Update

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle Secondary and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects and the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Updates on the Cheakamus Centre's Environmental Learning Centre and Lynn Valley

C.4. Land Management Update (continued)

Elementary addition were provided. Superintendent Pearmain provided highlights on the new Cloverley Elementary School, specifically how the School District will mitigate density and relieve pressure from Ridgeway Elementary school.

C.5. Tuesday, October 5, 2021, Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Sacré reported on the meeting that highlighted the Framework for Enhancing Learning and the Two-Year Operating Plan. In alignment with the District's Strategic Vision and the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning, District Principals showcased key educational work intended for this upcoming school year.

C.6. Superintendent's Report (including COVID-19)

Superintendent Pearmain started by recognizing the students, staff and families in the community, especially in the Capilano and Upper Lynn Elementary School areas, for continuing to follow the health checks and keeping students at home while sick. The mask mandate came into effect to support students and staff in limiting the spread of COVID-19.

Superintendent Pearmain acknowledged the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Curriculum Implementation Day which was led by the Indigenous Education team and saw all educators participate with keynote speaker Kevin Lamoureux. Various school visits were highlighted along Ministry meetings.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker shared that the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting is being hosted on October 23, 2021 and will report out at the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Sacré shared that she attended an informative session on teacher bargaining and reminded Trustees there was an additional session on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Trustee Sacré will be attending the virtual BCPSEA Symposium on November 4-5, 2021.

C.8. Trustees' Reports

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

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - Policy Review Committee
 - Indigenous Education Council Meeting
 - Artists for Kids Committee Meeting
 - District Student Leadership Council Meeting
 - BCPSEA Meeting
 - Legislative Committee Meeting
 - Various PAC Meetings
 - BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting
 - Board Chairs and Partner Liaisons Meetings
 - Substance Abuse Committee Meeting

- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Argyle Secondary School – Official Opening and Raising of the Kayachtn Welcome Pole
 - Events for Orange Shirt Day

C.8. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- AFK Art Gallery "Beyond the Horizon" Exhibition
- Various School Visits
- Windsor Secondary Green Team Garden Club Meeting
- Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony
- Canadian School Board National Trustee Gathering on Indigenous Education

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Virtual
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Virtual
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Virtual
Tuesday, January 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Virtual

E. Public Question & Comment Period

Due to COVID-19 and moving the meeting to a virtual platform, the Board of Education did not take questions or comments in real time. Members of the public were asked to email their submission in to publiccomments@sd44.ca.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:24 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

November 16, 2021

Date

Original signed by G. Tsiakos

George Tsiakos
Chair, Board of Education

November 16, 2021

Date