

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 17, 2023

PRESENT: D. Anderson
C. Gerlach
K. Mann
L. Munro
G. Tsiakos
L. Tumaneng
A. Wilson

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Mann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., noting that this meeting is being recorded.

A.1. Acknowledgements

Board Chair Mann acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliilwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by L. Munro

that the minutes of the public meeting of December 6, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

A.4. Public Questions/Comments

Board Chair Mann read one Public Comment that was submitted via email by Don Chapman.

A.7. Educational Presentation: Sexual Exploitation and Sextortion

District Principal of Safe and Healthy Schools, Jeremy Church, presented on the topic of Sexual Exploitation and Sextortion. He offered an overview of the positive relationship between North Vancouver RCMP and the school district, and highlighted initiatives to involve students and families in learning about sexual exploitation and sextortion.

The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

B.1. Nil

C.1. Band and Strings Update

Dr. Ryan introduced this agenda item and asked District Principal Allison Kerr to provide an update regarding Arts Education in the school district. Ms. Kerr commented on the vibrancy of art culture, noting that there are currently 1,295 students enrolled in the band and strings program. Ms. Kerr

shared the program's commitment to ensuring every child who would like to participate in the program is able to.

The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

C.2. North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa) Professional Development Report

Following an introduction by Dr. Ryan, NVTa President Katrina Russell and Professional Development Chair Tammy Daley reported to the Board of Education about professional development offered during the 2021/22 school year. Ms. Daley noted that many activities remained virtual throughout the 2022/23 school year. Ms. Daley thanked the Board of Education for the ongoing financial support of the NVTa Professional Development program.

The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

C.3. School Calendar Update – 2023/24

Dr. Ryan introduced Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson, who presented an update regarding the school calendar for the 2023/24 school year.

The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

C.4. Notice of Motion: Motions for BCSTA AGM April 2023

Trustee Gerlach provided two notices of motion, as information items only. The notices of motion will be brought forward to the February 7, 2023 Public Board Meeting for approval.

C.5. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Agenda Package for information.

C.6. Tuesday, January 10, 2023 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Wilson provided a summary of the January 10, 2023 Standing Committee Meeting which focused on School Planning.

C.7. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dr. Ryan provided reflections of the work of the school district with a focus on community, connection, and curiosity. Dr. Ryan responded to Trustee questions.

C.8. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association and BC Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Tsiakos provided an update regarding BCSTA, with reminders pertaining to upcoming meetings and Annual General Meeting motions deadlines.

Trustee Gerlach provided a BCPSEA update with a reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held next week, with two resolutions and the passing of the annual budget. Representative positions will be elected during this meeting. Trustees should provide input to Trustee Gerlach in order to vote on behalf of the Board of Education.

C.9. Trustees' Reports

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

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - Trustee Orientation/Development Meetings
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Policy Review Committee
 - Individual Trustee meetings with MLA Chant
 - BCSTA meeting with Board Chairs and Rachna Singh, Minister of Education and Child Care

- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Artists for Kids Open House
 - Black Excellence Day Virtual event attended to by over 30,000 participants across the Lower Mainland
 - Parent Advisory Council meeting at Handsworth Secondary
 - Argyle Secondary Digital Medial Expo
 - Various school visits including Argyle Secondary, Braemar Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carisbrooke Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary, Cleveland Elementary, Norgate Elementary, Mountainside Secondary, Queen Mary Elementary, Sutherland Secondary and Westview Elementary.

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver
Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, North Vancouver

E. Public Question & Comment Period

Board Chair Mann 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. No Questions or Comments were brought forward.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart
Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer
February 21, 2023
Date

Original signed by K. Mann
Kulvir Mann
Chair, Board of Education
February 21, 2023
Date