

BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Education and Programs

NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Summary of September 14, 2021

Meeting Summary of the Board of Education's Education and Programs Standing Committee meeting held virtually on Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Call to Order:

Standing Committee Chair George Tsiakos called the Education and Programs Standing Committee meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., thanking those in attendance for participating with the School District. It was noted that this virtual meeting was being recorded and would be posted to the School District website following the meeting. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged.

Committee Chair Tsiakos welcomed attendees to the first meeting of the 2021/22 school year and shared that all attendees are encouraged to ask questions and provide comments throughout the Standing Committee Meeting by using the raise hand function and chat function in Microsoft Teams.

Annual Facilities Grant Update:

Michael Chapman, Assistant Director of Facilities and Planning, introduced the Annual Facilities Grant Update by displaying the 2021/22 budget allocations. The North Vancouver School District was allocated \$2,958,609 for projects. These projects included: accessibility upgrades, electrical upgrades, exterior wall system upgrades, HVAC upgrades, interior construction upgrades, roofing upgrades and site upgrades. It was noted that 69% of the 2021/22 budget was directed into ventilation upgrades, which were completed over the summer.

Other notable summer projects included playground equipment upgrades at Queen Mary and Lynnmour Elementary, a voltage upgrade at Canyon Heights Elementary and upgrades to the Cheakamus Centre.

COVID-19 Update:

Continuing the presentation, Mr. Chapman focused on three major COVID-19 Projects: ventilation, hand hygiene and school cleanliness. The NVSD has had history of proactively installing ventilation systems on an annual basis. Going into this pandemic the School District was already well positioned from a ventilation perspective and focused the majority of our upgrade efforts to seven school. Classrooms without mechanical ventilation in place were identified and upgrades were completed in these classrooms, making all classrooms mechanically ventilated. Hand washing stations continue to be added and refined to support schools and new floor scrubbing equipment have been procured and will be deployed.

New provincial funding to assist with return to school recovery has been provided to all school districts. The NVSD will focus this funding on health and safety measures which will address impacts on students and staff in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers continue to be hired on an ongoing basis to help with staffing.

An update on vaccine passports with a focus on K-12 school context was provided with specific considerations being addressed and discussed.

Concluding the presentation, Chair Tsiakos thanked those who attended.

The presentations and video recording can be found online: [Meetings & Minutes 2021/22](#)

Next Meeting:

October 5, 2021

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting