

BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT
Meeting Summary of October 7, 2014

Meeting Summary of the Board of Education's Standing Committee Meeting held at the Education Services Centre, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, October 7, 2014.

Meeting Attendance:

Trustees, representatives of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), North Vancouver Administrators (NoVA), North Vancouver Teachers Association (NVTa) and Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 389), members of District Staff, Windsor Secondary students and community members attended the meeting.

Welcome and introduction:

Chair Stratton welcomed attendees and provided an outline for the new Standing Committee format. This format will combine all three sub committees; Education and Programs, Finance and Facilities and Towards the Future for Schools to be discussed in one evening.

Education and Programs:

Social Media Student Mentors

Trustee Lisa Bayne, Chair of Education and Programs, introduced Director of Instruction Monty Bell, who discussed the Social Media Committee. Windsor Secondary students Julia Woo and Chris Bolton, made a presentation that focused on the Privacy, Identity, and Community themes used in the Social Media Committee presentations to younger students in Grades 4 through 7. The focus of the Social Media Committee is to foster and build good social media citizens, while acting as mentors and leaders for other students.

"My Class Needs"

Trustee Lisa Bayne introduced Communications Manager Victoria Miles, who, along with Monty Bell, spoke about the "My Class Needs" opportunity. This new program is offered by Chevron's "Fuel Your School" program which provides an innovative alternative to fundraising for classroom tools that will enrich the classroom experience. Grant applications are made online by teachers and successful grant applicants receive the requested items directly from "My Class Needs."

Finance and Facilities:

Trustee Mike McGraw, Chair of Finance and Facilities, introduced John Lewis Superintendent of Schools, to present an overview of the Learning Improvement Fund and the changes for the 2014-15 school year. The Learning Improvement Fund is one fund with two components; 80% to the Education Fund towards teachers and British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF) membership and 20% for Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Support Staff.

Superintendent Lewis outlined the consultation process, the Learning Improvement Fund funding for 2014-15 school year, and the October 31st Ministry of Education reporting deadline to submit the Learning Improvement Fund plan for the year.

Towards the Future for Schools:

Trustee Christie Sacré, Chair of Towards the Future for Schools, introduced Assistant Superintendents Mark Pearmain and Pius Ryan, and Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison to speak about the school start-up. The overriding theme was that the 2014-15 school year start-up went well and everyone worked hard in making the start as positive as possible.

General discussion:

Chair Stratton thanked the presenters for an informative session and for the participation of those in attendance.

Chair Stratton asked for feedback on the new format before adjourning at 8:43 pm.

Next Meeting:

November 4, 2014 (7:00 – 9:00 pm Mountain View Room).