

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, June 20, 2017.

PRESENT: C. Sacré, Chair
J. Stanley, Vice Chair
B. Forward
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
F. Stratton

ABSENT: S. Skinner

A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by B. Forward

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

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

The twenty minute comment period is intended to be relevant to the Board's mandate. The Chair requested that those wishing to speak should sign on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet.

Tania Holker and Robin Tolbert, both residents of North Vancouver, spoke on behalf of Top Drawer Daycare, supported the proposal put forward by parents in the community.

Heather Skuse, Judi Israel, Mary Sparks, Kat Robb, Desurée Kranendijk, Diana Lamare, Rhena Tevendale and Sandra Waddle, spoke to the requirements of Special Education teachers in the North Vancouver School District.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

A correction to the minutes of May 16, 2017 was requested in Trustee Reports.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the minutes of the public meeting of May 16, 2017 be approved as amended.

Seconded by J. Stanley

A.5. Sustainability Cup Recognition

Luke Smeaton, Manager of Sustainability, Energy & Environmental Planning, introduced and recognized Upper Lynn Elementary School for winning first place in the 2017 North Vancouver School District Sustainability Cup. Staff and students worked from December 2016 until March 2017 to implement initiatives such as: "Walking Wednesdays", "Lights out Lunch", "Spring Break Shutdown", pollinator garden planting, salmon fry release, and many more.

Upper Lynn received \$1000 to put towards sustainability initiatives for their school.

A.6. Student Presentation – District Student Leadership Council Report

The District Student Leadership Council membership is comprised of likeminded students from across the District who are able to come together and voice an opinion on what is going on in the school environment around them. Members of the DSLC Executive, whenever possible, attend the various public meetings of the Board and sit on School District committees. As well as participation in BC Student Voice, the semi-annual student conference sponsored by the Ministry of Education, the DSLC annually hosts a student forum for NVSD students and this year's topic was #EdYou focusing on Ed-YOU-cation.

In closing, the DSLC representatives thanked the Board for the opportunity to allow students to have a voice and share their ideas and experiences. The Trustees encouraged members to take advantage of the Board's Public Comment Period to share information and ideas to a larger audience.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked the students for their involvement and leadership and wished them all the best in the future.

A.7. Top Drawer Daycare Presentation

Parent representatives, Nicole Cook, Tanya Henderson, Luke Russel and Natalie West all spoke on behalf of child care in North Vancouver, asking the Board of Education for assistance in determining next steps. They submitted a proposal which suggested that Top Drawer Daycare host a pilot of before and after school care in an Elementary School in the North Vancouver School District.

Superintendent Mark Pearmain provided the parent representatives with information regarding the proposal and clarified the requirements of the School District. It was noted that the Board of Education would communicate a plan to Top Drawer Daycare at a later date.

The parent representatives thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

A.8. City of North Vancouver Presentation – Casano Loutet Overpass

The City of North Vancouver is proposing a concept for an overpass to improve walking and cycling opportunities and connections over the Trans Canada Highway. The completion of this connection between North Vancouver neighborhoods will remove a barrier to create accessibility to local schools.

The City, guided by Adam Vasilevich, Parks and Greenways Planner, extensively engaged students and staff in the School District through workshops and a public open house at Sutherland Secondary School. Mr. Vasilevich presented the concept to the Board and responded to questions. He asked that the Board of Education provide a letter of support for this project.

Board Chair Sacré thanked Mr. Vasilevich for his presentation and advised, after consent from the Board, that a letter of support would be forwarded to the City of North Vancouver.

B.1. Capital Plan 2018/19

Each year, boards of education are required to submit a five-year Capital Plan providing details on high priority projects needed for their school districts. The deadline for the North Vancouver Board of Education adopting the Five-Year Capital Plan is June 30, 2017.

Jim Mackenzie and Michael Chapman from the Facilities and Planning Department provided an overview of the Capital Plan to the Board of Education. Highlights on the School Enhancement Program were shared, with a focus on safety enhancements at multiple schools across the School District.

B.1. Capital Plan 2018/19 (continued)

Responding to Trustees' questions, Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Chapman noted that school busses no longer in use are sent for auction and that the School District is observing Lower Lonsdale for growth in respect to enrolment and the need for an elementary school in that geographical location.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the Board approve the Draft 2018/2019 Five-Year Capital Plan as presented in Schedule B.1. of June 20, 2017.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

B.2. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/18

As required under the School Act, the Board of Education must adopt its budget bylaw on or before June 30, 2017 for the 2017/18 fiscal year. Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison presented the 2017/18 Annual Budget in the amount of \$181,948,420. Secretary Treasurer Allison highlighted budget priorities, as identified by Partner Groups, and how they are incorporated into the 2017/18 Preliminary Budget.

Secretary Treasurer Allison provided an overview of the budget, noting the following items: the Operating Grant is based upon the February 2017 Student Enrolment projections, however, the projections may or may not be achieved and therefore places a risk on the actual Operating Grant revenue; Classroom Enhancement Funding was announced as notional by the Ministry of Education with the North Vancouver School District receiving \$6.875M; and, \$6.75M of the Accumulated Operating Surplus is planned for utilization by June 30, 2018.

In response to Trustees' questions, clarification was provided regarding: the lower enrolment predictions; lower print sales with AFK; the Argyle Replacement Project; the opportunities due to the restored language; and, the change in support teachers.

After much dialogue, the Board of Education asked to re-convene at a later date to continue the discussion on the Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2017/18.

Moved by B. Forward

that the Annual Budget Bylaw be postponed to a future meeting (Tuesday, June 27, 2017).

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

Motion to Extend

Moved by B. Forward

to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

B.3. Live Video Streaming and Archiving of Public Board Meetings

In introducing this agenda item, Trustee Froward shared that recording Public Board Meetings and archiving videos should be a practice that the North Vancouver School District follows. Providing live video streaming of Public Board Meetings (and the archiving of those video recordings) would enable the Board of Education to improve accessibility to its decision-making process and enhance the Board's continued efforts to be transparent, accountable and open in its deliberations, and further align with the Board's values as outlined in the North Vancouver School District 10-year Strategic Plan.

B.3. Live Video Streaming and Archiving of Public Board Meetings (continued)

Moved by B. Forward

that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve live video streaming and archiving of its Public Board meetings, and that the live video streaming and archiving of Public Board meetings commence in September 2017; and further that staff be directed to secure the equipment necessary to live video stream and archive Public Board meetings; and if a secure and cost effective process is agreed upon at the September public board meeting, that this system be implemented as soon as possible.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Defeated

A new motion was proposed.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the North Vancouver Board of Education first, direct staff over the summer to research multiple options for the process of live streaming and archiving of public board meetings and secondly, present options at the September public Board meeting and include the costs of implementation, operation and storage and any security considerations. And if a secure and cost effective process is agreed upon at the September public board meeting, that this system be implemented as soon as possible.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

Motion to postpone Meeting

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the remainder of the Public Board Meeting be postponed until Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

F. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:47 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

September 19, 2017

Date

Signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

September 19, 2017

Date