

## 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 18, 2019.

**PRESENT:** C. Sacré, Chair  
G. Tsiakos, Vice Chair  
D. Bruce  
C. Gerlach  
M. Higgins  
K. Mann  
M. Tasi Baker

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### 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 M. Tasi Baker

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

Seconded by D. Bruce

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.

Michelle and Amelia Beatch, Joe Giustino, Prisca Reynolds, Gord Wylie and Sherri Koop, all residents of North Vancouver, spoke to the Performance Learning Program (PLP) at Seycove Secondary, urging the Board of Education to reconsider their decision on this program for next year.

Martin Stuible, Shiqi Xu and Nik Montecalvo, residents of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the climate change and mentioned that on May 24<sup>th</sup>, they participated in a climate strike to bring awareness of this crisis.

Patricia Fleming, resident of North Vancouver, spoke on the Capilano Norgate catchment change.

### A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that the minutes of the public meeting of May 21, 2019 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

### A.5. Student Presentation – Mountainside Secondary School

Students from Mountainside Secondary shared their visit to Guatemala in May of this year. They set their goal to raise enough money to travel to the country and build two classrooms. In order to achieve their goal, the students applied for grants, wrote letters to businesses and participated in fundraising activities. Their valuable learning experiences in achieving their goal included applying for a passport, getting the necessary immunizations and learning Spanish.

**A.5. Student Presentation – Mountainside Secondary School (continued)**

Some of the highlights from their trip included making sock monkeys with the children and learning about the Guatemalan culture.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked the students and Vice Principal Lucas King for coming to share their experience with the Board.

**B.1. Five-Year Capital Plan 2020/2021**

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, 2019.

Jim Mackenzie, Director of the Facilities and Planning Department, began his presentation by providing an overview of the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to the Board. Mr. Mackenzie noted that the School District's process of updating its LRFP and forecasts by using local demographics from community planners.

There are two major categories in the Capital Plan: Major Capital Funding Programs which are a five-year duration and secondly, Minor Capital Funding Programs, which are annual programs.

Mr. Mackenzie reported on the seismic mitigation project; that we currently have project agreements in place for all the high-risk schools that existed which are currently being mitigated in the School District and that there are no more schools to advance in this years request. Also highlighted, a new school on the existing Cloverley site is an immediate priority within the first three years of the plan.

An overview of the 2020/21 Capital Plan was provided on the expansion and replacement projects for multiple schools, and school enhancement programs. The carbon neutral capital program, the bus replacement program, and the playground equipment program were also discussed.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Mr. Mackenzie clarified the priority of school replacement was based on the enrollment growth in a catchment area. He also provided an explanation on the carbon neutral capital program and its primary focus was on lighting projects and sustainable heating plants in order to have more energy efficient buildings.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board approve the Draft 2020/2021 Five-Year Capital Plan as presented in Schedule B.1. of June 18, 2019.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

**B.2. Proposed New Policy 214: Student Choice**

Assistant Superintendent, Pius Ryan, was invited to the table to introduce the Proposed New Policy 214: Student Choice – Animal Dissection in the Classroom.

In 2018/19, Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, established the Student Choice Policy Review Sub-Committee chaired by Pius Ryan, Assistant Superintendent. The Sub-Committee included representatives from the North Vancouver Administrators, North Vancouver Teachers' Association, and the District Student Leadership Council (DSLCC). The Sub-Committee met numerous times throughout 2018/19.

Dr. Pius Ryan provided clarification on the proposed policy and that teachers will provide an alternative instructional activity for students who do not want to participate in the dissection of animals. Alternative instructional materials and resources will be provided to those students. This alternative instructional activity will meet the same learning standards of the curriculum.

**B.2. Proposed New Policy 214: Student Choice (continued)**

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board of Education approve Proposed New Policy 214: Student Choice – Animal Dissection in the Classroom, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of June 18, 2019.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

**B.3. Proposed Revised Policy 304: Anaphylaxis**

Chair Sacré invited District Principal, Brad Baker, to the table to introduce the Proposed Revised Policy 304: Anaphylaxis.

In 2017/18, Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, established the Anaphylaxis Policy Review Sub-Committee chaired by Brad Baker, Principal, Safe & Caring Schools. The Sub-Committee included representatives from the North Vancouver Administrators, North Vancouver Teachers' Association, and Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH). The Sub-Committee met throughout 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Brad Baker provided clarification on the revised policy and that it follows the Vancouver Coastal Health administrative procedures on monitoring anaphylaxis within schools and the public. Mr. Baker responded to Chair Sacré's question, that the School Administrators were aware of the revised policy procedures for anaphylaxis.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board of Education approve Proposed Revised Policy 304: Anaphylaxis, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of June 18, 2019.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

**B.4. Proposed Rowing Academy for 2020/21**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson was invited to the table to provide an overview of the submitted rowing academy proposal and the discussions that have occurred to date in support of the proposal.

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson noted that one year ago, the North Vancouver School District (NVSD) was approached by the Deep Cove Rowing Club with a preliminary proposal to establish a partnership with the NVSD to introduce a new specialty academy focused on the sport of rowing.

Discussions with Deep Cove Rowing Club continued over the past year, and has now finalized and submitted a formal comprehensive proposal. The intent is to offer the Rowing Academy at Carson Graham Secondary School, in partnership with NVSD, beginning in the 2020/21 school year.

Responding to Trustees' questions, clarification was provided regarding the reason for the academy being located at Carson Graham. Currently, the potential teacher sponsor works at Carson Graham and is an experienced and qualified athlete in rowing. Mr. Atkinson responded to questions relating to the application process and that the applicants will need to meet the necessary safety requirements.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Board of Education approve, in principle, the implementation of a Rowing Academy program in partnership with the Deep Cove Rowing Club as outlined in the Rowing Academy Proposal attached to the Administrative Memorandum of June 18, 2019 and, that the academy be offered beginning September 2020 subject to sufficient student enrollment.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

**B.5. School District Track & Field Student Use**

Chair Sacré spoke on the topic of School District track & field student use and the need to obtain information specific to the students of North Vancouver. It was noted that the North Vancouver Sport Council has addressed the community's needs related to the track & field use.

Moved by C. Sacré

Direct staff to create a report depicting Track and Field usage by students in the North Vancouver School District and report back no later than the November 19, 2019 Public Board Meeting.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

**B.6. Brockton Preparatory School at Westover Tenure Bylaw 2019**

Introducing this agenda item, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison presented the proposed lease between the North Vancouver School District and Brockton Preparatory Westover School. The ten year lease starting August 1, 2019, allows for exclusive use of the building and lands from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on school days with shared use of the playgrounds, fields and parking areas during evenings and non-school days.

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Brockton Preparatory School Tenure Bylaw 2019 be read a first time;

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Moved by K. Mann

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Brockton Preparatory School Tenure Bylaw 2019 be read a second time;

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

The Board unanimously agreed to proceed to a third reading of the bylaw.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Brockton Preparatory School Tenure Bylaw 2019 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

**C.1. Enhancing Student Learning Presentation**

Directors of Instruction Adam Baumann, Arlene Martin and Vince White made a presentation on Enhancing Student Learning to the Board of Education. The presentation focussed on the six attributes of the learning culture; focus on student engagement and learning, a culture of teamwork and collaboration, respect for adult and student diversity, a strong sense of community and collective responsibility and learning, strong systemic structures including collaboration, meetings and PAC's, and lastly an ongoing and relevant communication of student learning.

Chair Sacré thanked the Directors of Instruction for their comprehensive approach to enhanced learning.

**C.2. Catchment Review Update**

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson and Communications Manager Deneka Michaud were invited to the table to give an overview of the catchment review update. North Vancouver School District undertook two catchment reviews to determine the feasibility of changing the catchment areas to balance enrolment between schools. After receiving community feedback and analyzing suggestions and concerns, both proposed catchment changes will be implemented for the 2020-21 school year.

### **C.3. Student Trustee**

Superintendent Mark Pearmain provided an update on Student Trustee that was originally brought forward last year by Trustee Forward. During the school year, the Superintendent had conversations with the District Leadership Student Council (DLSC) and discussed that there was an interest in having a student Trustee. Although further discussions need to take place, the DSLC would like to consider multiple students acting as student Trustees as opposed to one and exploring the student role, expectations and limitations of a student Trustee.

Trustees discussed this at length and shared their concerns regarding the process of having a student Trustee. Trustee Gerlach would like to have something in place by the fall when the new student leadership council is voted in.

### **C.4. Land Management Update**

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects. Superintendent Pearmain shared that the District of North Vancouver approved the Handsworth Secondary School development permit and that the tender phase will begin in November 2019. During the summer, Mountainside Secondary School construction will commence and the first portable for Queen Mary will be placed on site.

### **C.5. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared that June has been a busy month visiting various schools and attending the annual Swangard Track & Field Meet. Superintendent Pearmain highlighted the North Vancouver School District hosted the Organization of Economic Development (OECD) Conference for lunch and tour of Argyle and Mountainside Secondary Schools.

### **C.6. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)**

Trustee Tasi Baker shared that School District 44 was one of eight school districts in the province chosen to assist with the Ministry of Education on the funding formula.

Trustee Gerlach reported that local bargaining with the North Vancouver Teachers' Association has concluded and that CUPE is still negotiating.

### **Motion to Extend**

By unanimous vote, the Board agreed to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm.

### **C.7. Trustees' Reports**

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
  - French Immersion Meeting/Orientation
  - City of North Vancouver Advisory Planning Commission
  - Capital Planning Committee Meeting
  - Capilano Elementary Lines of Inquiry Presentations
  - Capilano Planning Committee Meeting
  - Meeting with Minister Chen & Mayor Buchanan on Child Care
  - District of North Vancouver Council Meeting Regarding Handsworth
  - Children & Youth Safe and Active Travel Working Group Meeting
  - Communications Committee Meeting
  - Meeting with District of North Vancouver Mayor Little
  - RAIC Metro Vancouver & City of North Vancouver Build City Speaker Series
  - Stigma Free Society Meeting

**C.7. Trustees’ Reports (continued)**

- Meeting with North Shore Neighbourhood House with Lisa Hubbard
- Metro Meeting with BCPSEA
- Bargaining – CUPE & NVTA
- Recreation Commission Meeting
- Inclusion Committee Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:

- Mountainside Secondary Tour
- Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council Joint Dinner
- Tsleil Waututh Nation Presentation – People of the Inlet
- NVSD Environmental Initiatives Presentation
- Braemar Elementary Bike to School Week Kick Off Party
- Superintendents Luncheon
- Celebration of Metis
- Carson Choir Concert
- Argyle Senior Concert
- Cheakamus Centre Annual River Feast
- Carson Relay for Life
- Swangard Track & Field Meet
- NVSD Student Youth Committee – Protest at Civic Plaza
- NVSD Green Celebration
- Indigenous Graduation Celebration
- TWN Graduation Celebration
- Seycove Graduation Ceremony
- Argyle Graduation Ceremony
- Windsor Graduation Ceremony
- Sutherland Graduation Ceremony
- Handsworth Graduation Ceremony
- NVSD Resilience Film Screening at Argyle Secondary
- NVSD Retirement Dinner
- Gordon Smith Foundation Spring Luncheon
- Queensbury Elementary School Production of “The Lion King Jr”
- Queensbury Staff Appreciation Luncheon
- Queensbury Classroom Visit for Science Alive Presentation
- Artist for Kids Year End Social
- Royal Canadian Air Cadets 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Ceremonial Review
- District of North Vancouver Firefighters Charitable Society Time to Talk Event
- Boundary Pro-D Drum Making
- Brooksbank Elementary School Sports Day

**D. Future Meetings**

| Date and Time                           | Event                | Location  |
|---|----------------------|---|
| Tuesday, September 24 , 2019 at 6:30 pm | Public Board Meeting | Education Services Centre<br>2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver |

**E. Public Question & Comment Period**

The Chair 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.

Nicole Nielsen, District Student Leadership Council (DSLCL), spoke in respect to having a student Trustee. Nicole suggested that the student Trustee should be an active member on the DSLC and she would like to volunteer to be on a selection committee in the fall.

**E. Public Question & Comment Period (continued)**

Henry Woo, resident of North Vancouver, spoke on the Capilano Norgate catchment change and that he purchased his house based on the school location and the International Baccalaureate Program at Capilano Elementary. Superintendent Pearmain clarified that any parent has the right to apply for cross boundary registration.

Lastly, Amanda Nichol, Co-Chair of North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, spoke in support of having a student Trustee.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:21 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by G. Allison*

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Georgia Allison  
Secretary Treasurer

*September 24, 2019*

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Date

*Original signed by C. Sacré*

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Christie Sacré  
Chair, Board of Education

*September 24, 2019*

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Date