

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, December 19, 2023.

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

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Linda Munro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Chair Munro acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (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 C Gerlach

that the minutes of the public meeting of November 21, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by A Wilson

Carried

A.4. Public Question/Comment Period

A public comment about the school calendar for the 2024/25 school year was read into the record.

A.5. Educational Presentation: Artists For Kids Annual Report

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Allison Kerr, Director of Artists for Kids and District Principal of Arts Education to present the 2022/23 Artists for Kids Annual Report. Allison Kerr reported on programs and services provided to the students and community in the last year.

The presenter responded to Trustees' questions.

B.1. Proposed New Policy 416: Anti Ableism

Superintendent Dr, Ryan welcomed Dr. Vince White, Director of Provincial School Outreach as Chair, Subcommittee to Develop Policy on Anti-Ableism and members Jennifer Branston for North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council and Kevin Pokasuwan for Canadian Union of Public Employees. Dr. White, Jennifer Branston and Kevin Pokasuwan provided an overview of the meeting dates and highlights which informed the proposed new policy.

The presenters responded to Trustees questions.

Moved by A Wilson

that the Board of Education approve Proposed New Policy 416: Anti Ableism, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 19, 2023.

Seconded by G Tsiakos

Carried

B.2. Policy 614: Public Interest Disclosure

Superintendent Dr. Ryan welcomed Scott Stanley, Executive Director of Human Resources to provide an overview of the minor revisions to the policy and administrative procedures. The British Columbia Public Sector Employers' Association has provided clarity that the policy does not apply to Trustees.

Moved by L Munro

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Revised Policy 614: Public Interest Disclosure, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 19, 2023.

Seconded by G Tsiakos

Carried

B.3. Board Committees and Trustee Representational Assignments (2024)

Chair Munro advised that trustee committee(s) and family of school liaison assignments remain the same to align with the school year.

Moved by G Tsiakos

that the Board approve the Chair's appointments of Trustees as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 19, 2023, and make the appointments effective December 19, 2023.

Seconded by D Anderson

Carried

C.1. Notice of Motion: British Columbia School Trustees Association for Annual General Meeting

Trustee Gerlach provided the context for two motions for consideration by the Board of Education to sponsor at the BCSTA AGM April 2024. The motions were discussed and Trustee Gerlach responded to questions.

C.2. Secondary School and Academy Fees

Superintendent Dr. Ryan introduced Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson, who presented on the Secondary School and Academy Fees for the 2023/24 School Year.

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson responded to Trustees' questions.

C.3. School Calendar Update – 2024/25

Dr. Ryan requested Assistant Superintendent Atkinson to provide an update regarding the school calendar for the 2024/25 school year.

Assistant Superintendent Atkinson responded to Trustees' questions.

C.4. Committee Reports – Written Update

A written update on the Indigenous Education Council and the Policy Review Committee was included in the Board Agenda Package, no questions were asked.

C.5. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on land management was included in the Board Agenda Package, no questions were asked.

C.6. Superintendent’s Report

Chair Munro introduced Superintendent Dr. Ryan, to provide an update on activities across the school district over the past month. No questions were asked.

C.7. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public School Employers’ Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Anderson, the BCSTA representative as of December 1, 2023, provided an update on the Provincial Council for the coming year.

Trustee Gerlach provided an update regarding the BC Public School Employers’ Association.

C.8. Trustees’ Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from November 22 to December 19, 2023 with emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

- **Meetings attended by Trustees included:**

- Public Board Meeting
- Trustee Seminars
- Coalition for Healthy School Food
- Communications Committee Meeting
- Curriculum Implementation Day
- Dinner Meeting with the Mayor and Council of the District of North Vancouver
- District Student Leadership Council Meeting
- Inclusion Committee Meeting
- Indigenous Education Council Meeting
- Safe & Healthy Schools Committee Meeting
- Vice Principals Screening and Selection Committee
- First Nations Education Steering Committee Annual Conference
- North Shore Table Matters Meeting
- North Shore Transportation Summit with Mayors hosted by NV Chamber
- School Trustee Chapter Climate Caucus Meeting
- BCSTA Fall Conference and Trustee Academy

- **Events attended by Trustees included:**

- Artists For Kids Winter Party
- Career Fair at Handsworth Secondary
- Digital Media Academy Expo at Argyle Secondary
- Safety Blitz at Eastview Elementary School
- School concerts, field trips or visits: Braemar Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carisbrooke Elementary, Handsworth Secondary, Lynn Valley Elementary, Queen Mary Elementary and Windsor Secondary

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver
Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver
Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North 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.

No questions were asked.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Munro adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

January 23, 2024

Date

Original signed by L. Munro

Linda Munro
Chair, Board of Education

January 23, 2024

Date