

## 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, October 17, 2017.

**PRESENT:** C. Sacré, Chair  
J. Stanley, Vice Chair  
B. Forward  
M. Higgins  
S. Skinner (teleconference)  
F. Stratton

**ABSENT:** C. Gerlach

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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. Chair Sacré noted that the North Vancouver School District was acknowledged through the City of North Vancouver's Living City Awards for Environmental Education and Awareness, for the Active Routes to School initiative.

Moved by C. Sacré

WHEREAS Section 67 of the *School Act* permits Trustees to participate in or attend a meeting of the Board by telephone or other means of communication if all Trustees and other persons participating in or attending the meeting are able to communicate with each other;

the Board hereby approves the participation by Trustee Skinner in the October 17, 2017 Public Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

### A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by F. Stratton

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

Seconded by B. Forward

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.

Karen Nordquist and Georgina O'Flynn, both residents of North Vancouver, spoke in support of the Youth Mental Health motion.

Martin Stuible, President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, spoke regarding the Foundation Skills Assessment process, urging the Board of Education to recommend that the results do not get released publicly.

### A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by B. Forward

that the minutes of the public meeting of September 19, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

#### **A.5. Student Presentation – Braemar Elementary**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> Braemar Elementary School participated in a school wide project called “Project of Heart”. This collaborative project enabled students to acquire a greater understanding of the concept of belonging and how a sense of belonging, or lack thereof impacted Indigenous school aged children. This project allowed the students to question, reflect, and represent their thinking through art.

The art work created was presented to the Board of Education from students who shared how this project impacted them. Project of Heart was inspirational to both educators and students at the school as it was a powerful learning engagement that enabled students to be thoughtful on the importance of building positive relationships amongst ourselves, our community and our world.

#### **A.6. Table Matters – Food Lens Consulting Presentation**

Food Lens Consulting continues to design and implement the Healthy Foods Healthy Minds Breakfast Club project during which breakfasts are served to any child wanting breakfast at Sherwood Park Elementary School. Over 2,500 meals were served from April to December 2016. Consultants Rubina Jamal and Scott Rowe shared a video with the Board showcasing the Breakfast Club program at Sherwood Park Elementary and its importance to students and staff.

Ms. Jamal and Mr. Rowe provided an update on the National Universal School Food Program and asked the Board to support them in future conversations and initiatives.

#### **B.1. Youth Mental Health**

Chair Sacré provided an overview of the motion which encourages the ministries to continue working to create support systems within and across schools, while still achieving success with Foundry North Shore. Integrated supports at the school level like those available at Mountainside Secondary remain a vital link to student success for students with mental health challenges. Augmenting school based support with the community based Foundry will add to the success of students in North Vancouver.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Board of Education instruct School District staff to write a letter to the Minister of Education, the Ministry of Children and Families, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health, and copy in local Members of the Legislative Assembly, with the following:

- Congratulate them on the opening of the Foundry in North Vancouver;
- Remind them of the importance of the work we are doing at Mountainside and within each of our schools;
- Highlight that many of the initial mental health concerns are first noticed and need support at the local school level;
- Highlight that mental health is a big issue that needs an intentional continuum of resources to support places like the Foundry AND resources to support public schooling, and partnerships like Mountainside and individual schools;
- Encourage the ministries to continue their good work in creating a greater continuum of support systems within and across schools, while achieving success with the Foundry;
- Highlight the value of doing mental health work in schools/curriculum/programs to increase awareness of mental health issues;
- Highlight the importance of supporting low incidence children;
- Early identification of students in schools;
- Bullying in schools and the result in social emotional challenges;
- References to previous BCSTA Motions;
- Reiterate a request for a position that bridges mental health and education; and
- Commend the previous governments work with the new Ministry of Mental Health.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

**C.1. Artists for Kids 2016/17 Annual Report**

Chair Sacré introduced this agenda item and invited to the table, Yolande Martinello, Director of the Artists for Kids Trust and District Administrator of Fine Arts, to present the Artists for Kids 2016/17 Annual Report.

Ms. Martinello reported on the programs and services provided to the students and community in the last year and provided updates on the financial position and operations.

Through ongoing print releases, AFK continues to be a catalyst in the community, contributing to the development of a rich cultural aesthetic. Special acknowledgement was provided to the outstanding volunteers who allow this program to continue and thrive.

**C.2. Preliminary Enrolment Update**

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and provided an update regarding the School District's enrolment for the 2017/18 school year and highlighted comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments for September 2017.

A total of 15,127 students have been enrolled at this time for the year, compared to the projected total of 14,877. Superintendent Pearmain advised that a further enrolment update will be provided at the November 21, 2017 Public Board Meeting.

**C.3. McCreary Centre Society – 2018 BC Adolescent Health Survey**

Superintendent Mark Pearmain provided the Board of Education with a summary of the BC Adolescent Health Survey (BC AHS) that is being conducted in 2018. The AHS is conducted by the McCreary Centre Society, a non-government, non-profit organization committed to research and education on youth health, in collaboration with the provincial government and public health system, and with the cooperation of BC's school districts.

The process selected for the administration of the survey is *Parental Notification and Student Consent*. Parents and/or guardians of students in classes selected for the survey will receive a letter explaining the survey. Based on procedures outlined in Board [Policy 604: Educational Research](#), participation in the McCreary Centre Society's 2018 Adolescent Health Survey (BC AHS), to be administered between January and May 2018, will be conducted with *Parental Notification and Student Consent*.

**C.4. Land, Learning and Livability Community Engagement - Update**

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and updated the Board on the Argyle Secondary School Replacement Project and the Handsworth Secondary School Project.

**C.5. Tuesday, October 10, 2017 Standing Committee Meeting**

Trustee Sacré reported on the meeting that focused on Sustainability Initiatives and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning in the North Vancouver School District.

**C.6. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to schools, noting the use of the new outdoor learning space at Capilano Elementary. World Teacher's Day was recognized with over 1,900 apples being delivered throughout the School District.

**C.7. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)**

Trustee Stratton reported on the recommendation of reinstating a Trustee Board for BCPSEA. The BCPSEA Board would be based on a regional model so each branch would be represented. It was decided that the North Vancouver Board of Education would meet to discuss questions and comments regarding the consultation process around BCPSEA governance.

**C.8. Trustees' Reports**

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
  - Standing Committee Meeting
  - Trustee Seminar
  - ITC Meeting
  - Queen Mary Elementary PAC Meeting
  - NVRCC Meeting
  
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
  - Welcome Pole carving at the ESC
  - Sutherland Secondary Professional Development Day
  - Handsworth Secondary Professional Development Day
  - Eastview Elementary trip to Residential School
  - Orange Shirt Day at Carson Graham Secondary
  - Pancake breakfast at Braemar Elementary
  - Thanksgiving Day lunch at Westview Elementary
  - Ice Cream Social at Canyon Heights Elementary
  - Climate and Energy Action Award Ceremony
  - Cleveland Elementary/Tanzanian study and art project
  - Walking School Bus to Queensbury Elementary

**D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Thursday, January 18, 2017 at <b>7:00 pm</b>	Standing Committee Meeting - Enhanced Programs	Sutherland Secondary School 1860 Sutherland 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.

Georgina O'Flynn, resident of North Vancouver, expressed her concern with the bullying culture in school accompanied by the pressures of social media. Ms. O'Flynn spoke regarding the responsibility that adults have advocating for students.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:41 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by G. Allison*

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Georgia Allison  
Secretary Treasurer

*November 21, 2017*

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Date

*Original signed by C Sacré*

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Christie Sacré  
Chair, Board of Education

*November 21, 2017*

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Date