

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held virtually through Microsoft Teams in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

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

A. Call to Order

Board Chair George Tsiakos called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

Motion to Approve Trustees Participation by Microsoft Teams

Moved by G. Tsiakos

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 the Trustees in the April 27, 2021, Public Board Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

Chair Tsiakos provided an update on COVID-19 including the vaccination program for K-12 educational staff and reminded everyone to continue to follow restrictions. Information surrounding the School Trustee By-election was provided noting that five candidates have put their names forward. Chair Tsiakos acknowledged World Autism Awareness Day, Earth Day and the designated Day of Mourning for those who have lost their lives to work related incidents which all are occurring in the month of April.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Sacré

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

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

Due to COVID-19 and moving the meeting to Microsoft Teams, the Board of Education requested that interested parties email in their submission to be read out by the Board Chair.

Mandy Young (on behalf of 32 families), Michelle Sawyer and Tiffany Paul, all residents of North Vancouver, provided written submission in support of creating an Intellectual Disabilities Advisory Committee.

A.4. Stakeholder Comment Period

As per the motion passed on May 26, 2020, the Board of Education provided a twenty minute stakeholder comment period to allow stakeholders to speak to items on the Board of Education Agenda.

A.4. Stakeholder Comment Period (continued)

Jennifer Branston, Co-Chair of North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, spoke regarding the proposed Intellectual Disability Advisory Committee. Ms. Branston shared that the committee would be a great benefit to the School District by providing meaningful supports and services to students.

Katrina Russell, First Vice President of North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa), commented on the vaccination program noting that teachers are happy to have access to vaccines. Ms. Russell shared that the NVTa would like to see more consultation and collaboration for new school buildings and asked that privacy screens be added to shared working spaces in Argyle Secondary School. Additionally, there is a continued uncertainty surrounding school in September and the NVTa would like to see the Board prioritize funding to staffing and resources.

Brenda Bell, District Principal of Human Resources and Liaison for the District Student Leadership Council (DSLc), read a message from grade 12 student, Hannah Cook. Ms. Bell shared Hannah's reflections on the most recent DSLc Forum. The Forum provides a space for students to participate in relevant topics and this year the topic was *Empowering Students Towards a Sustainable Future*. The message from Hannah ended with her hope that the DSLc will continue to grow and she took the opportunity to wish all graduates good luck in the future.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that the minutes of the public meeting of March 9, 2021, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

B.1. Child Care Opportunities Identified During the North Vancouver School District's 2020 Site Analysis

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson introduced this agenda item, inviting Facilities & Planning Coordinator James Bell to present an analysis of child care opportunities to the Board of Education. Mr. Bell presented an analysis on the:

- important considerations for creating childcare facilities;
- constraints that the NVSD faces in implementing childcare programs;
- a review of where existing childcare facilities within the district are successful; and,
- an analysis of properties to identify where future childcare programs could be successful.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Assistant Superintendent Atkinson clarified why the sites had been identified and timelines for the implementation of these proposed child care sites.

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that the Board of Education direct School District staff to work with District of North Vancouver staff to explore the viability of creating child care spaces on the identified sites.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.2. Notice of Motion: Intellectual Disability Advisory Committee

Trustee Cyndi Gerlach introduced this notice of motion that was first provided to the Board of Education at the February 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Gerlach highlighted the importance of having an Intellectual Disability Advisory Committee. This committee could provide a mechanism to consult with the students from the intellectual disability community regarding their education or school experiences.

B.2. Notice of Motion: Intellectual Disability Advisory Committee (continued)

Board Chair Tsiakos clarified that the current motion has been revised since being tabled in February 2021. After a fulsome discussion, the following motions were voted on by the Board:

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to create a School District intellectual disabilities advisory committee made up of students and parents of students with intellectual disabilities, identifying as having an intellectual disability, who are currently within or have been through the NVSD system, and that this committee include self-advocates with intellectual disabilities including wherever possible students and parents who are autistic or have autism (intellectual disabilities). That the purpose of this School District advisory committee is to provide advice to the NVSD on all matters pertaining to students with intellectual disabilities in their education and school journey.

Seconded by K. Mann

Moved by M. Higgins

that the consideration of this motion be postponed until the next Board Meeting.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Defeated

The motion to postpone was defeated.

An amendment to the motion removed:

...who are currently within or have been through the NVSD system...

A friendly amendment to the amendment removed:

...and that this committee include self-advocates with intellectual disabilities...

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to create a School District intellectual disabilities advisory committee made up of students and parents of students with intellectual disabilities, identifying as having an intellectual disability, and that this committee include self-advocates with intellectual disabilities including wherever possible students and parents who are autistic or have autism (intellectual disabilities). That the purpose of this School District advisory committee is to provide advice to the NVSD on all matters pertaining to students with intellectual disabilities in their education and school journey.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Moved by G. Tsiakos

An amendment to the amended motion included the word "sub" to sub-committee.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

A motion to call to question was passed unanimously.

The main motion as amended was adopted and carried, with the final wording being as follows:

Final Motion

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to create a School District intellectual disabilities advisory sub-committee made up of students and parents of students with intellectual disabilities, identifying as having an intellectual disability, and that this committee include self-advocates with intellectual disabilities including wherever possible students and parents who are autistic or have autism (intellectual disabilities). That the purpose of this School District advisory committee is to provide advice to the NVSD on all matters pertaining to students with intellectual disabilities in their education and school journey.

Carried

A short break was observed.

C.1. 2021/22 Calendar Update

Providing an update on this item, Assistant Superintendent Atkinson shared that in order for spring break to be scheduled for two weeks, an agreement with the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA) needs to be signed. At this point in time, an agreement has not been reached with the NVTA. Assistant Superintendent Atkinson will continue to keep the Board of Education apprised on the 2021/22 calendar.

C.2. Land Management Update

Superintendent Pearmain updated the Board of Education on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects, the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade and the status of Cloverley Elementary School. Notice of two civil claims were filed, one for Argyle for delays and one with the Cheakamus Centre.

C.3. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Higgins reported on the meeting that showcased budget development for 2021/22, including presentations on the Forecast to June 30, 2021, the Preliminary Operating Grant for next fiscal year and Three-Year Forecast. Facilitated break-out rooms allowed participants to discuss goals and priorities.

C.4. Superintendent's Report (including COVID-19)

Superintendent Pearmain provided an update on COVID-19 which included the number of exposures in the North Vancouver School District and the Vancouver Coastal Health vaccination program for K-12 educational staff. An update on outstanding motions was provided to the Board of Education.

C.5. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker updated the Board on the approved motions from the BCSTA AGM, including a motion put forward by the North Vancouver School District for Physical Literacy. Trustee Gerlach shared that BCPSEA created a new committee on governance structure and she will represent the School District as a member of that committee.

Motion to Extend

Moved unanimously
to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m.

C.6. Trustees' Reports

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - President's Council Meeting
 - Indigenous Education Committee Meeting
 - Sustainability Committee Meeting
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - Physical Literacy for Communities Meeting
 - Various school PAC Meetings
 - BCSTA Metro Meeting
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting

C.6. Trustees' Reports (continued)

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
- District Student Leadership Council Forum
 - BCSTA AGM
 - Signing an MOU with the CNV and NVSD

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.	Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting	Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Virtual
Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Virtual

E. Public Question & Comment Period

Due to COVID-19 and moving the meeting to a virtual platform, the Board of Education did not take questions or comments in real time. Members of the public were asked to email their submission in to publiccomments@sd44.ca.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

May 18, 2021

Date

Original signed by G. Tsiakos

George Tsiakos
Chair, Board of Education

May 18, 2021

Date