

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, January 23, 2018.

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

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 referenced the Chilliwack School District, commending them for standing up for policy and human rights.

A.2. Motion to Approve Trustee Participation by Teleconference

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 January 23, 2018 Public Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

A.3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by F. Stratton

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

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

A.4. 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.

Mr. Daren Steele presented on behalf of the staff at Sherwood Park Elementary, regarding concerns regarding inadequate technology equipment for students. He raised concerns regarding the School District funding model where PACs fundraise for technology equipment, and the resulting inequities between schools that this creates

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by B. Forward

that the minutes of the public meeting of December 12, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

A.6. Student Presentation – Argyle Secondary School

Students from Argyle Secondary School presented their film, “Metanoia”, to the Board. On October 19, 2017, seven students, all members of the Digital Media Academy, participated in Zoomfest 2017, a well-known province-wide film competition organized by Mulgrave School and sponsored by the Vancouver Film School and Capilano University, among others. Over 100 teams from all across British Columbia were challenged to successfully plan, shoot and edit a short film in 48 hours.

Piero Ferrando, Lukas Hardieck, Diego Navarro, Graham Wall, and, Nicole Wilson all noted that although the group didn’t know each other going into the competition, they encouraged team effort, assigned tasks, defined the video production strategy and applied both the creative and project management skills that was learned at the Digital Media Academy.

Their film, “Metanoia”, was successfully awarded the Best Cinematography award.

The Board thanked the students for sharing the film and congratulated them on winning the competition. The film can be viewed on the School District’s website: “[Metanoia](#)”.

B.1. Board Committees and Trustee Representational Assignments (2018)

Chair Sacré introduced this item and advised that, in accordance with [Policy 102: Board of Education – Committees and Representation](#), Trustees had met to discuss their preferences for committee appointments in the 2018 calendar year.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the Board approve the Chair’s appointments of Trustees as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of January 23, 2018, and make the appointments effective January 9, 2018.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

B.2. Trustee Stipends

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison introduced this agenda item, noting that Section 71 of the *School Act* states that “a board may authorize annually the payment of remuneration to the chair, vice chair and other trustees, and...a reasonable allowance for expenses necessarily incurred by the trustees in the discharge of their duties.”

In March 2013, the Board of Education adopted a new [Policy 107: Board of Education – Trustee Stipend, Resources, and Expenses](#). This policy and related [Administrative Procedures](#) addressed the method by which the annual stipend would be adjusted annually, each July 1, in accordance with the increase in the Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI). The Board of Education must pass a resolution each year to authorize any change in remuneration.

Secretary Treasurer Allison provided examples of stipend amounts for neighbouring school districts and provided clarification regarding postponing the motion and tax changes to Trustees.

Moved by M. Higgins, Seconded by S. Skinner, Defeated

that the motion be postponed until the Public Board Meeting in June 2018.

The motion to postpone was defeated.

Moved by C. Gerlach, Seconded by B. Forward, Carried

that the Board adopt new rates of Trustee remuneration rates per annum: Chair - \$26,516; Vice Chair - \$25,188; Trustee - \$24,435, effective July 1, 2017.

B.2. Trustee Stipends (continued)

After consensus of the Trustees, a discussion occurred with respect to the follow motion:

Moved by C. Sacré, Seconded by J. Stanley, Carried

that Staff research appropriate consequences used by other Boards of education, municipalities, and elected bodies, that address an individual elected official's neglect of their specified duties, and violation of codes of ethics, and;

that Staff provide the Board with recommendations on consequences that may be included in the Trustee Handbook to aid the Board in self-governance, and;

that the proposed recommendations would consider a range of consequences, that are appropriate to the reason and cause for neglect of duties or violation of the Trustee Code of Conduct, and could be employed by the Board, up to and including the garnishment of a Stipend, and;

that staff update the Board no later than April 2018.

An amendment to the motion included:

Moved by M. Higgins, Seconded by B. Forward, Defeated
...provided that there is no financial cost to the School District.

The amendment was defeated.

The Board then voted on the main motion and it was carried.

B.3. Corporate Banking Services

Secretary Treasurer Allison introduced the following routine bylaw and resolutions as a consequence of a new Vice Chair assigned signing authority.

(A) Bank of Montreal – Banking Bylaw 1-2018

Moved by B. Forward

that Banking Bylaw Number 1-2018 be read a first time;

Seconded by J. Stanley Carried

Moved by J. Stanley

that Banking Bylaw Number 1-2018 be read a second time;

Seconded by F. Stratton Carried

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

Moved by F. Stratton

that Banking Bylaw Number 1-2018 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by B. Forward Carried

(B) Toronto-Dominion – Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers

Moved by J. Stanley

that the Toronto-Dominion Bank Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers as per Schedule B.3.(B). be approved.

Seconded by F. Stratton Carried

B.3. Corporate Banking Services (continued)

(C) Blue Shore Financial – Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers

Moved by B. Forward

that the Blue Shore Financial Bank Resolution re: Bankers and Signing Officers as per Schedule B.3.(C). be approved.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

C.1. North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council Annual Report 2016/17

To provide highlights of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council's activities in the 2016/17 year, Chair Sacré welcomed Amanda Nichol, NVPAC Chair, to the table.

Ms. Nichol thanked the Board for its continued support financially and also for the provision of meeting space for the NVPAC's general meetings and special events held at the Education Services Centre. In her report, Ms. Nichol highlighted the 2016/17 year.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré thanked Ms. Nichol for her for supporting all Parent Advisory Councils in the North Vancouver School District.

C.2. Handsworth Secondary School Replacement - Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item sharing that on January 15, 2018, the Ministry of Education and the North Vancouver School District announced that Handsworth Secondary School will be replaced and that all construction costs will be fully funded by the Government of British Columbia.

Further, the announcement also increased the capacity of Handsworth Secondary from the current 1200 students to 1400 students which will address current and future enrolment needs of the Handsworth community.

Superintendent Pearmain shared that next steps include: retaining an architectural firm, provide update on progress to community – which was done at the Handsworth PAC Meeting on January 22, 2018, and begin preliminary design scope / site scope work.

C.3. School Calendar 2018/19 - Update

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson provided the Board with an update on the dates of the 2018/19 School Calendar. It was noted that the *School Act* and Regulations regarding the School Calendar require that a Board of Education publish a proposed calendar for public comment for a period of at least one month prior to approving the calendar. It also requires that an approved calendar be submitted to the Ministry of Education before the end of March in the year preceding implementation of the calendar.

In order to meet these timelines, a public comment period run will from January 29, 2018 to February 28, 2018. A summary of the public comments received will be provided to the Board prior to their final adoption of a 2018/19 School Calendar at their March 13, 2018 Public Board Meeting.

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 Mountainside Secondary School Seismic Upgrade. An update was also provided on the proposed Lower Lonsdale School.

C.5. Thursday, January 18, 2018 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Forward reported on the meeting that focused on Enhanced programs in the North Vancouver School District.

C.6. Out of Country Field Trips – Secondary

Provided for their information, Trustees received in their agenda packages an overview of out of country field trips that are being planned for secondary students as follows:

- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Europe (Germany, Czech Republic and Poland) (March 15-24, 2018)
- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to the Dominican Republic (March 14-26, 2018)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Costa Rica (March 18-26, 2018)

C.7. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to Ridgeway and Carisbrooke Elementary School. Staff had the pleasure of playing a friendly game of Lacrosse at Argyle Secondary School with the help of two Vancouver Stealth professional lacrosse players. It was noted that senior staff met with the Ministry of Education to discuss funding model and the challenges that districts face. Trustees were updated on the status of the video live stream of Public Board Meetings.

C.8. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers’ Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Stanley updated the Board on the BCSTA Metro Meeting and shared motions that have been put forward for the AGM. Trustee Gerlach noted that the BCPSEA AGM is January 25-26, 2018 and there is a potential for a new board to be voted in. Both Trustee Stanley and Gerlach will have updates for the Board at the next meeting.

C.9. 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
 - District Student Leadership Council Meeting
 - Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting
 - Calendar Committee Meeting
 - Inclusion Committee Meeting
 - BCPSEA Meeting
 - NVRCC Meeting
 - PAC Meetings
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Ministry of Education Handsworth Replacement Event
 - BCPSEA / WVSD Session
 - Seymour Heights Elementary – Read to Students
 - Perform for Pride Fundraiser
 - BCPSEA Conference Call
 - Aboriginal Event – Colonization Road
 - Aboriginal Christmas Gathering

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 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.

Darren Steele, resident of North Vancouver, spoke again regarding funding for technology in schools. Mr. Steele noted that funding from Parent Advisory Council's should be shared at the discretion of the Board and School District senior management.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:06 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

February 26, 2018

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

February 27, 2018

Date