

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, March 12, 2019.

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

A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged. Chair Sacré highlighted events from the School District's Class Acts 2019 week which celebrates school programs and students.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Gerlach

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

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

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.

Nicole Nielsen, resident of North Vancouver, spoke with respect to changes of secondary school honour roll. Ms. Neilson noted the importance of recognizing academic achievements for high school students and shared her concern regarding the removal of the honour roll.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public meeting of February 19, 2019, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Cheakamus Centre

Students from Argyle, Handsworth and Mountainside Secondary Schools presented to the Board of Education about the Counselling Leadership Program at the Cheakamus Centre. Mairead Brennan, Kallym Nicol, Mahan Rohani and Jack Vandermye shared their experience as counsellors in the program noting that the time spent at the Cheakamus Centre developed skills they were able to take back to school and work. The students learned leadership and interpersonal skills while fostering a deeper understanding of outdoor and environmental learning.

The Counsellor Leadership Program is a long-standing North Vancouver School District volunteer experience that is an integral part of the Outdoor School program at Cheakamus Centre. The success of this program was solidified by the positive experiences of the students.

A.5. Student Presentation – Cheakamus Centre (continued)

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked the students for their positive influence on the many students that attend Outdoor School.

B.1. Proposed 2019/20 School Calendar for Board Approval

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson provided the Board of Education with an update on the work that has been completed with the proposed school calendar for the 2019/20 school year. The 2019/20 calendar proposal developed by the School District's School Calendar Committee was published to the School District website on January 30, 2019, and notification of a one-month public comment period was provided to staff and parents of students via the School District's Sangha communication system.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson clarified the decision regarding the Winter and Spring Break; professional development dates; and, how the North Vancouver School District will communicate the calendar out to the public.

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2019/20 School Calendar as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of March 12, 2019.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

B.2. Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School Tenure Bylaw 2019

Introducing this agenda item, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison presented the proposed lease between the North Vancouver School District and Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School. The eight 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 D. Bruce

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

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

Moved by G. Tsiakos

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

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

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

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

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

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.3. Trustee Stipend

Chair Sacré introduced this agenda item and shared that the Income Tax Act (ITA) exemption for Trustee stipend has been removed effective January 2019. All income received by a Trustee is to be taxable for the 2019 calendar year and all subsequent years.

The Board of Education's Policy 107 outlines that in keeping with the *School Act*, Trustees shall receive an annual stipend, the amount to be set by Board resolution. The annual stipend is to be

B.3. Trustee Stipend (continued)

adjusted annually, each July 1, in accordance with the increase in the Vancouver Consumer Price Index.

After a fulsome discussion, Trustees agreed that they require more information prior to making any decisions on stipends for the 2019 calendar year.

Moved by M. Higgins

that Staff be directed to research what approach other Metro School Districts have taken related to the ITA change and that Staff present this information at the May 2019 Public Board meeting.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.4. Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2019/20-CPSD44-01

Jim Mackenzie, Director of Facilities and Planning, was invited to the table to provide an overview of the 2019/20 Capital Plan. The Ministry provided written response for the School District's 2019/20 Capital Plan submission of June 2018 and approved the following capital projects:

- Seymour Heights Elementary School Enhancement Program
- Upper Lynn Elementary School Enhancement Program
- Larson Elementary Playground Equipment Program
- Bus Acquisition Program

Mr. Mackenzie highlighted the projects that are being advanced for the 2019/20 year, including: ventilation replacements for both Seymour Heights and Upper Lynn Elementary Schools, the purchase of a two wheelchair accessibility bus, and the funding for the universal accessibility playground equipment. The Facilities and Planning Department will work with each individual school to develop a plan that is best suited for the projects.

Moved by D. Bruce

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 19/20-CP-SD44-01 be read a first time;

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 19/20-CP-SD44-01 be read a second time;

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

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

Moved by M. Higgins

that School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 19/20-CP-SD44-01 be read a third time, passed, and adopted.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

C.1. Changes to Secondary School Honour Roll

The recognition of student achievement in secondary schools in the North Vancouver School District has undergone considerable change in order to align with the new provincial curriculum and assessment practices introduced by the Ministry of Education.

In concert with the changes in curriculum, the Ministry revised its Student Reporting Policy in 2016 and began, over the following years, revising the Ministerial Orders relevant to student assessment and reporting. School Districts are required to follow the Ministerial Orders.

C.1. Changes to Secondary School Honour Roll (continued)

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson and District Principal Kathleen Barter reviewed the current assessment practices, the rationale behind these practices, and the efforts being made in NVSD schools to recognize and celebrate learning and growth.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Assistant Superintendent Atkinson and Ms. Barter clarified that changes to the honour roll will not affect post secondary submissions; percentages of students on honour rolls; and, how the School District will inform the community about these changes. Trustees suggested that the School District create a working group to better inform parents and the community on the changes to the honour roll.

C.2. BC Tripartite Education Agreement

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan and District Principal Brad Baker provided the Board of Education with an update on the BC Tripartite Education Agreement: Supporting First Nation Student Success. The Agreement commits the Governments of Canada and of British Columbia, and the First Nations Education Steering Committee to share efforts to support the BC First Nations education system and improve the learning outcomes for First Nations students across the province.

The Tripartite Agreement provides cultural support and targeted funding for transportation of on-reserve First Nations students. The North Vancouver School District and both the Squamish and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation have been working together to discuss a transportation plan that will support First Nation students.

On behalf of the Board, Superintendent Mark Pearmain acknowledged Assistant Superintendent Ryan and Mr. Baker for the work they have been doing in maintaining an open dialogue and positive working relationship with Squamish and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

C.3. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects as well as the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade. Notification was provided to the Board of Education regarding the Cloverley Elementary School Replacement Project.

C.4. 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:

- Sutherland Secondary School – field trip to Seattle, WA USA (April 25-26, 2019)
- Carson Graham Secondary School – field trip to San Francisco, CA USA (April 27-May 1, 2019)
- Mountainside Secondary School – field trip to Guatemala (May 1-10, 2019)

C.5. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared updates from his visits to secondary and elementary schools. On February 28, 2019, Superintendent Pearmain attended a sleep out to support youth homelessness. In total, the North Vancouver School District has raised over \$19,000 for the Covenant House Vancouver. Superintendent Pearmain noted that the School District is looking for feedback from the community on allocating a portion of the annual budget which can be accessed through the School District website.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker updated the Board of Education on the recent BCSTA Metro Council Meeting that occurred in February 2019. The focus of the meeting was on the funding formula, specifically how funding will be allocated to ensure that special needs are recognized in rural schools.

There was no update for BCPSEA.

C.7. Trustees' Reports

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Communication Committee Meeting
 - NVPAC General Meeting
 - Provincial Board Chair Meeting
 - Provincial Joint Partner Liaison Meeting
 - Integrated Transportation Meeting
 - North Shore Community Food Charter Signatory Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Presidents Council Dinner
 - 25 Year Employee Recognition
 - Youth & Vaping - Information, Considerations & Impacts
 - Boundary Elementary School - Drumming Celebration
 - Queensbury Elementary School Visit
 - Pink Shirt Day Events
 - Celebration of French "Creating an Affordable City" Round Table
 - French Immersion 40 Year Celebration

Notice of Motion

Trustee Gerlach advised that she had a notice of motion for addition to the April 23, 2019, Public Board Agenda. The notice of motion was received during the Trustees' Reports.

Motion

To enhance the ability of students to manage menstruation without undue delay, embarrassment, financial burden, or shame that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to report back to the Board at the May public board meeting with information regarding the installation of coin-free tampon and pad dispensers in all girls and universal restrooms in elementary and secondary schools.

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.	Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.	Education and Programs Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.	Public Board 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.

Nicole Nielsen, resident of North Vancouver, shared her concern regarding the changes to the honour roll. Ms. Nielsen urged the Board of Education to recognize academic achievement.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

April 26, 2019

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

April 29, 2019

Date