

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 13, 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 7:02 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation were acknowledged. Chair Sacré acknowledged April 2nd as World Autism Day.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by B. Forward

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

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

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 March 13, 2018 Public Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

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.

Jozsef Oszvald, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the Cloverley Elementary School site. Since moving close to the school, Mr. Oszvald has seen the neighbourhood grow to consist of more families and children take advantage of the play area close to the school. He urged the School District to keep Cloverley Elementary.

Student representative, Luciano Boniface, of the District Student Leadership Council updated the Board on topics that were discussed by members at the last General Meeting. The meeting focused on the Student Leadership Forum, which takes place on May 9, 2018. This year's topic for the forum will concentrate on Student Health and Well-being.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by B. Forward

that the minutes of the public meeting of February 20, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Seycove Secondary Gender Sexuality Alliance Club

Students from Seycove Secondary School's GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club) shared their thoughts on sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) and the role it has played at their school. Through personal and lived experiences, the students explained what SOGI is, why it is important, and expressed their hopes for SOGI in the future.

The GSA at Seycove Secondary plays a huge role in creating a sense of belonging, safety, inclusivity and diversity for all students at the school. The Club has helped organize the following: GSA weekly meetings, posters in the halls, information boards, Diversity Festival, Gender Neutral Washroom, Pride flag and Trans flag at the front of the school and many more accomplishments. They are currently working on a proposal for a Rainbow Sidewalk.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked the group for their courage to present.

B.1. Final Proposed School Calendar 2018/19 for Board Approval

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson provided the Board with an update on the work that has been completed with the proposed school calendar for the 2018/19 school year. The 2018/19 calendar proposal developed by the Committee was published to the School District website on January 29, 2018 and notification of a one-month public comment period was provided to staff and parents of students via the School District's SchoolConnects communication system.

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

Moved by F. Stratton

that the Board of Education approve the FINAL Proposed 2018/19 School Calendar as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of March 13, 2018.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

B.2. Raising of the Trans Flag

Trustee Gerlach introduced this agenda item, sharing that the North Vancouver School District values and supports Transgender and Gender Non-Binary individuals in the community for who they are. The School District flies the Pride flag during Pride week to show support for the whole LGBTQ2+ community; however, flying the Transgender flag during the week of May 17 symbolizes Transgender rights, recognizing that Gender has nothing to do with Sexual orientation. Gender and Sexual Orientation are not connected and need to be celebrated and respected as their own identities.

By flying both the Pride flag and the Trans flag, the School District encompasses the notion of inclusivity and supporting students for who they are. May 17 is the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia (IDAHOT), an annual worldwide celebration of sexual and gender diversity.

Moved by C. Gerlach

In recognition of the School Districts ongoing commitment to Inclusion; the continued recognition of diversity, and following the motion from the Public Board Meeting of May 26, 2015 to raise the Pride flag, the Board of Education will annually raise the Transgender Flag at the Education Services Centre during the week of May 17 in a show of support for the Transgender and Gender Non Binary community in our schools.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

B.3. Proposed Revised Policy 202: Alternative Delivery - Physical and Health Education K-10 and Career Life Education 10

District Principal Kathleen Barter was invited to the table to provide an update on the proposed revised *Policy 202: Alternative Delivery – Health and Career Education K-9 and Planning 10*. As a result of the new BC K-10 curriculum being fully implemented in September 2018, *Policy 202* requires review and revision.

Changes in Grades K-10 include:

- Health and Career Education K-9 no longer exists
- Physical Education K-10 is now Physical and Health Education K-10
- Planning 10 is now Career Life Education 10

Ms. Barter shared that revisions to the administrative procedures have been made to clarify the process for parents/guardians who wish to opt for Alternate Delivery of topics related to sexual decision-making within Physical and Health Education K-10 and Career Life Education 10.

Moved by B. Forward

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed Revised Policy 202: Alternative Delivery - Physical and Health Education K-10 and Career Life Education 10*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of March 13, 2018.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

C.1. Cheakamus Centre Presentation

The Cheakamus Centre is a central feature in the education of North Vancouver School District students. In alignment with the Board of Education's vision as "the natural place to learn" and the 2011-2021 Strategic Plan goal to "provide leadership in environmental education and sustainability practices", all NVSD students are provided the opportunity to participate in educational programs at the Cheakamus Centre.

Cheakamus Centre Director for Educational Programs Conor McMullan and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan presented an update to the Board. The Cheakamus Centre continues to develop educational programs to support students and continues to invest in the educational staff. Program design and development has been focused on the following: enhancing program calendar, providing an emphasis on seasonality and differentiation across grades, collaborative approach involving teachers, administrators and support staff, and a curricular alignment focus. These developments, along with showcasing nature, can improve academic outcomes through enhancing and boosting creativity and thinking, and by developing a connection and sense of place.

Mr. McMullan and Assistant Superintendent Ryan noted that the continued support from the community and partners allow the Cheakamus Centre to support best instructional practices and enriched curriculum. The School District is proud that North Vancouver has this facility and space to promote healthy and inspiring work and learning environment.

C.2. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle Secondary and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects. The Argyle Replacement Project received a development permit from the District of North Vancouver on February 19, 2018 and a bid has gone out for general contractors. KMBR Architects Planners Inc. has been selected as the architect to design the new Handsworth Secondary School.

An update was provided on the interchange and road work near Lynnmour Elementary School. It was noted that the Ministry of Transportation will be holding an open house mid to late April which will provide project detail and answer any questions the community may have.

C.3. 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:

- Windsor Secondary School – field trip to Japan (April 13-22, 2018)

C.4. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to Boundary, Upper Lynn and Eastview Elementary schools. Superintendent Pearmain acknowledged the work of the organizing committee for *Class Acts 2018 – A Celebration of Education in the North Vancouver School District* and shared that the [Community Report](#) was published on March 9, 2018.

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

There was no update from Trustee Stanley on BCSTA or from Trustee Gerlach on BCPSEA.

C.6. 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
 - Board Planning Committee
 - Trustee Interviews
 - Superintendent’s Evaluation
 - Communications Committee Meeting
 - Integrated Transportation Meeting
 - North Vancouver Recreation Commission Meeting
 - Seclusion/Restraint Committee Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - 25 Year Employee Recognition
 - President’s Council Dinner
 - Sherwood Park Elementary – Shadow a Principal
 - Canyon Heights Elementary – Freedom Friday
 - Ridgeway Elementary School Tour
 - Ridgeway Elementary – Anti-bullying day assembly
 - Argyle Secondary – Youth and Philanthropy Initiative
 - Sutherland FOS Kindness March
 - Sutherland FOS – Shelley Moore Workshop
 - Sutherland Secondary – High School Musical

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm	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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

April 24, 2018

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

April 24, 2018

Date