

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 7, 2017.

PRESENT: C. Sacré, Chair
J. Stanley, Vice Chair
B. Forward
C. Gerlach
F. Stratton

ABSENT: M. Higgins
S. Skinner

A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:58 pm and welcomed those in attendance. The traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil Waututh Nation were acknowledged.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by F. Stratton

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

Seconded by J. Stanley

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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

A correction to the minutes of February 14, 2017 was requested in Section C.1. to include that it was requested that a 3-5 Year Plan be presented to show the expansion of the low incident students.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the minutes of the public meeting of February 14, 2017 be approved as amended.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Blueridge Elementary

Students from Blueridge Elementary School shared the importance of developing a sense of belonging by understanding and celebrating differences. Under the guidance of Vice Principal Erin Primas, students worked on the Big Idea: "Exploring stories and other texts helps us understand ourselves and make connections to others and to the world." This Big Idea developed through reading the bestselling novel, "Out of My Mind" by Sharon Draper. Blueridge Elementary School has students of all abilities and this novel study and project helped express the importance of all members of our community being able to have a voice.

A.5. Student Presentation – Blueridge Elementary (continued)

Through communication boards, students were able to communicate and collaborate without words, which they showcased to the Board of Education.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré thanked the students for their presentation.

B.1. Proposed School Calendar 2017/18 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 2017/18 school year. The 2017/18 calendar proposal developed by the Committee was published to the School District website on January 30, 2017 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 B. Forward

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2017/18 School Calendar as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of March 7, 2017, and further, that the Board direct the calendar committee to reconvene to consider a four day weekend and other issues.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Defeated

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education approve the Proposed 2017/18 School Calendar as attached to the Administrative Memorandum of March 7, 2017.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

Opposed: B. Forward, J. Stanley

B.2. North Vancouver School District and Squamish Nation Protocol Agreement

Introducing this agenda item, Board Chair Sacré recognized and honoured the relationship that the North Vancouver School District has with the Squamish Nation. At a recent Board of Education and Squamish Nation Chiefs and Council dinner meeting, discussion occurred around the notion to enter into a communication and collaboration protocol agreement to maintain and enhance a cooperative relationship. Chair Sacré noted that there is a desire to formalize and standardize communication and collaboration opportunities between the North Vancouver School District and Squamish Nation. It was requested that School District staff discuss a similar protocol with the Tsleil Waututh Nation.

Moved by J. Stanley

that the Board of Education direct staff to work with the Squamish Nation staff to create a Protocol Agreement for Communication and Collaboration Between the Squamish Nation and North Vancouver School District, and;

that School District staff present a draft Protocol Agreement to the Board of Education, for their consideration, in the 2017/2018 school year.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

C.1. School District Facilities Plan (SDFP) – Matrix Consulting

Board Chair Sacré introduced this agenda item and shared that boards of education are expected to have a School District Facilities Plan (SDFP) in place that supports projects being submitted to

C.1. School District Facilities Plan (SDFP) – Matrix Consulting (continued)

the Ministry for capital investment consideration. The North Vancouver School District contracted Matrix Planning Associates to prepare the School District Facilities Plan 2017 Update. Chair Sacré invited Bill Wood, of Matrix Planning Associates, to the table to present highlights of the 2017 SDFP.

Mr. Wood provided highlights on the following:

- Community growth – Estimated 14,820 new housing units over the next 15 years
- Enrolment forecast – Growing schools: Carson Graham, Larson, Capilano, Westview, Queen Mary, Queensbury, Brooksbank, Sherwood Park, Ridgeway
- Capacity utilization challenges – Need to balance enrolment in several parts of the District; elementary and then secondary utilization will exceed comfort zone
- Building upgrade priorities – Handsworth, Argyle, Brooksbank
- Emerging secondary plan – Replace Handsworth and Argyle, shift Carisbrooke from Carson Graham to Argyle
- Emerging elementary plan – Modify boundaries between schools, replace Larson and Queensbury with new, larger schools

Responding to Trustees' questions, Mr. Wood provided additional information on developments in Lynn Creek, Maplewood Village and Lower Lonsdale, noting that estimated growth is dependent on the amount of rental units that are offered in the City and District of North Vancouver.

C.2. 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. It was also noted that a meeting with the City of North Vancouver was held to discuss a process that could be used to explore site options for a Lower Lonsdale Elementary school.

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:

- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to New York, New York, USA (March 7-12, 2017)

C.4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights of his visits to elementary and secondary schools.

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

Trustee Gerlach provided an update to the Board on BCSTA and 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
 - Squamish Nation & NVSD Meeting
 - NVT A Dinner
 - Communications Committee Meeting
 - Table Matters Committee Meeting

C.6. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- ITC Meeting
- BCSTA/BCTF Life Insurance Committee Meeting
- BCSTA Financial Committee Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:

- 25 Year Employee Recognition
- Carson Graham Secondary Personal Projects
- Carson Graham Secondary Global Initiative
- Seycove Secondary Senior Girls Basketball
- Seycove Secondary "The Big Picture"
- RCMP Event – What does community look like?
- BCSTA Provincial Council

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 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.

Martin Stuble, President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, spoke regarding the school calendars, noting that there is a cycle that plays out every seven years and this should be explained to the public.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:27 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Original signed by C. Sacré

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

April 25, 2017

April 25, 2017

Date

Date