

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, May 18, 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 May 18, 2021, Public Board Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

Chair Tsiakos thanked the community for their continued efforts in keeping school environments safe and supporting mental health during COVID-19. Recognition was given to Katrina Russell, Acting President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa) and the entire executive team for the most recent changes in the NVTa. Information surrounding the School Trustee By-election was provided noting the advance voting date and the general voting date. Chair Tsiakos acknowledged National Principals Day, Asian Heritage Month, National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and two-spirit people, and International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia which all are occurring in the month of May.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by C. Sacré

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.

Robyn Goh, resident of North Vancouver, wrote to the Board regarding plastic cutlery. There continues to be many plastic cutlery items and Ms. Goh proposed that students and staff use reusable cutlery at school.

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)

Katrina Russell, Acting President of the NVTAs, commented on the 2021-2031 Strategic Plan and 2021/22 budget, highlighting how important it is for schools to be adequately staffed to support the strategic goals outlined in the Strategic Plan.

Jennifer Branston, Co-Chair of North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, spoke regarding the Adaptable Flexible Space Presentation. Ms. Branston shared comments on the specific spaces created in Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School, asking that the Board of Education remove doors and hinges from calm rooms at these spaces.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public meeting of April 27, 2021, be approved as amended.

Seconded by C. Sacré

Carried

B.1. 2021/22 Budget Consultation Update and Board Direction

In introducing the budget consultation update, Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart noted this is a continuation of the budget process that was approved at the November 17, 2020, Public Board Meeting.

To gain valuable insight and feedback from students, staff, parents and stakeholders, the North Vancouver Board of Education hosted information sessions to participate in discussions about the 2021/22 Budget Priorities at the scheduled Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meetings. Individuals were also asked to provide their suggestions for the 2021/22 budget priorities through a variety of methods, including emailing or using the *Thoughtexchange* online platform. The Board requested that the 2021/22 budget priorities be framed in the context of the draft 2021-2031 Strategic Plan.

Based on the submissions from partner groups and community members, the Executive Committee organized input. Recommendations were provided to maintain and hold the following: education programs and services; achieve contractual obligations; targeted supports for inclusive education; prioritize new targeted funds for highest and best use; prioritize planned technology investments; consider strategic priorities where possible; and, build back on the strong foundation already in place.

Moved by C. Sacré

that the Board direct staff to proceed with the development of the 2021/22 Annual Budget.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

B.2. 2021-2031 Strategic Plan Approval

Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced this item on behalf of the entire Board of Education. In 2019, the North Vancouver School District began a consultative process to create its next Ten-Year Strategic Plan. The 2021-2031 Strategic Plan supports the over-arching Vision of the North Vancouver School District and its priorities in pursuing the highest level of service provided to students and the community.

To gain valuable insight and feedback from students, staff, parents and stakeholders, the North Vancouver Board of Education hosted in-person, facilitated consultation sessions as well as online engagement and held planning sessions. From these session, six new strategic goals were created to outline the priorities and direction of the North Vancouver School District for the next ten years and form the basis for the Ten-Year Strategic Plan.

B.2. 2021-2031 Strategic Plan Approval (continued)

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2031 Strategic Plan.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

A short break was observed.

C.1. School District Enrolment and Organization of Classes Update – 2020/21

Mark James, District Principal, Administrative Services, introduced this agenda item and provided an update on the organization of classes for the “four quarters” of the 2020/21 academic school year. Mr. James highlighted the comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments with a focus on the secondary classes greater than 30.

C.2. Adaptable Flexible Space Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Pius Ryan, Argyle School Principal Kim Jonat, District Principal of Inclusive Education Melanie Learoyd, and District Vice Principal Janis Mann presented an overview of the design process followed for the School District's secondary school buildings. The overview included factors considered to provide facilities to support student learning and the current use of learning spaces in our schools.

The presentation highlighted the school design principles, the design and development process, outdoor spaces, learning community design and safe spaces. The design for all spaces are focused on supporting inclusion for all students in the School District. Clarification was provided on Policy 308: Use of Physical Restraint or Seclusion by District Principal Dr. Vince White.

Motion to Extend

Moved unanimously

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

C.3. Elementary School Fees 2021/22

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson introduced this item and noted that, in accordance with [Policy 706: School Fees](#), the elementary fees included in the Board Agenda Package for Trustees' information have been reviewed by school administrators consulting with appropriate staff, students and Parent Advisory Council. Assistant Superintendent Atkinson noted that the range of fees is based on cost recovery.

C.4. 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.

C.5. Tuesday, May 4, 2021, Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Mann reported on the meeting that showcased planning assumptions and forecasted enrolments for revenues in the 2021/22 budget development. Staff presented the major sources of revenues that provides the foundation for next year's budget.

C.6. 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. Highlights from the District Wide Professional Development Day was provided, including special recognition to the key note presenters.

C.6. Superintendent’s Report (including COVID-19) (continued)

Superintendent Pearmain also updated the Board on the Temporary Transition Support Option and the status of the Intellectual Disabilities Advisory Sub-Committee.

C.7. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers’ Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker had nothing to update on BCSTA. Trustee Gerlach had nothing to update for BCPSEA.

Trustee Tasi Baker shared she was going to bring forward two motions to BCSTA next year, which includes one on ethical technology and one to update the definition of the educated citizen.

C.8. Trustees’ Reports

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

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - Standing Committee Meeting
 - Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - Artists for Kids Committee Meeting
 - Inclusion Committee Meeting
 - Capital Planning Committee Meeting
 - North Shore Table Matters Meeting

- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Building Community Belonging – Parent Panel Session
 - District Wide Clean Up Challenge
 - Family Support Institute of BC - Session with Ministry of Education
 - Buckets of Hope deliveries to Queen Mary, Westview, Larson, Queensbury and Ridgeway
 - Farm to School Webinar – Eco Clubs: Youth Action in Environmental Sustainability
 - Argyle Environmental Club – Tote Bag Sale
 - Seycove Secondary Grade 12 Capstone Presentations

Notice of Motion

During the Trustees’ Reports, Trustee Gerlach advised that she had a notice of motion for the June 22, 2021 Public Board Meeting.

D. Future Meetings

Chair Tsiakos advised that there would be an additional Standing Committee Meeting on June 8, 2021 to continue with presentations on building the 2021/22 budget.

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.	Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Meeting	Microsoft Teams
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 9:56 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

June 22, 2021

Date

Original signed by G. Tsiakos

George Tsiakos
Chair, Board of Education

June 22, 2021

Date