

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, May 22, 2018.

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

ABSENT: S. Skinner

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.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by F. Stratton

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

Seconded by B. Forward

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.

Darren Steele, Debra Cusanelli, Claudia Panton, Mary Sparks, Kelly Harris, Carol Sartor and Sandra Conjdon, all residents of North Vancouver, spoke to the counselling time proposed for the 2018/19 school year. It was requested that the School District look at maintaining or adding to the current time counsellors have to address the needs of students.

Birgit Weaver and Bruce Tout, residents of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the track and field facilities in North Vancouver. Ms. Weaver and Mr. Tout, members of the North Vancouver Sport Advisory Council, urged the School District to provide opportunities to athletes by creating a track for track and field that can be used for competitions.

Shiqi Xu and Carter Wanless, both students at Sutherland Secondary School, shared that Physics 12 was not being offered at Sutherland Secondary School next year. Shiqi and Carter asked the Board to address this issue as many students have planned their graduating years and this course is a requirement for post-secondary schools.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by F. Stratton

that the minutes of the public meeting of April 24, 2018 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Carson Graham Secondary School

Carson Graham's "Science 11 Project" tasks students in Grade 11 to use science to assist in addressing one of the United Nations (UN) "Sustainable Development Goals" (UNSDG). Every student going through Carson Graham Secondary School in Grade 11 works on this project and every year Carson Graham Secondary students address a different UNSDG.

Claire Webb (Grade 12) presented the overall concept, sharing that collaboration and research are the two main themes in creating a creative solution. Claire's group chose to address storm drains, due to the fact that North Vancouver is a harbour city. Following Claire's presentation, a group led by Reece Martis (Grade 11) showcased their project which was on Manuka honey and the benefits surrounding it. Both groups benefited from having a diverse group, which leads to a strong group.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked the students.

A.7. Sutherland Secondary – Meatless Monday

Sutherland Secondary School is leading the way in initiatives to reduce the amount of meat that is consumed. With the guidance of Cynthia Bunbury, teacher mentor and student government supervisor, Shiqi Xu and Naia Peruchena, Grade 11 students, presented two initiatives under the umbrella of their Meatless Monday Club.

The students explained their two projects - to increase plant-based foods in our cafeterias at the secondary level and to introduce a student choice policy on animal dissection in the classroom. Both are based on the philosophy of the world-wide Meatless Monday movement - to improve our health, the welfare of animals, and for the betterment of the planet.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain congratulated the students on an effective presentation.

C.1 The Boys Club Network

The Westcoast Boys Club Network is a private foundation that works with school districts around the province to help boys ages 13-18 come to understand what it means to be a 'good man'.

Walter Mustapich, Vice Principal at Sutherland Secondary School, highlighted the Boys Club Network (BCN) by bringing in two boys who have experienced the Club. These two boys shared their stories and provided examples of how the after school club has given them a new take on life. The boys are staying in school, pursuing post-secondary education and improving personal behaviour while developing their moral compass and world views.

Mr. Mustapich shared that the Boys Club Network has created a curriculum called H.O.P.E. for Boys Leadership 11 which currently runs in other school districts across BC. He provided the Board with clarity surrounding the course.

Trustee Stanley left the meeting at 9:11 pm.

C.2. Annual Facilities Grant

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison reported that the Ministry of Education recently announced the allocation of the Annual Facilities Grant (AFG) for 2018/19. The North Vancouver School District will receive a total of \$3,078,527, up from the \$2,945,252 from the prior year. The 2018/19 allocation is split between operating funds (\$626,273) and capital funds (\$2,452,254). A deduction of \$53,310 will be made from the operating portion of the funding allocation to pay for the North Vancouver School District's share of the Capital Asset Management System (CAMS).

C.2. Annual Facilities Grant (continued)

Secretary Treasurer Allison invited to the table Jim Mackenzie, Director of Facilities and Planning, and Mike Chapman, Assistant Director of Facilities and Planning, to provide further information and respond to Trustees' questions.

C.3. 2018/19 Budget Update

Superintendent of Schools Mark Pearmain introduced this item by noting that the School District has yet to receive a final amount for Classroom Enhancement Funding (CEF). Superintendent Pearmain provided the Board an update on the 4 step process: 1. Preliminary staffing, including class size and composition requirements and non-enrolling ratio requirements; 2. Revised staffing, including conversations with administration, changing enrollment requirements and 7.0 funding from SNSC; 3. Classroom Enhancement Funding, the School District is waiting for confirmation, and monitoring class size and composition issues; 4. Final budget, the Executive Committee will bring recommendations to the Board on June 19, 2018.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Superintendent Mark Pearmain and Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison provided clarification on the projected decline in secondary student FTE; staffing ratios; when the 7.0 FTE from SNSC would be released; and discussed the possibility of an additional Public Board Meeting in June.

C.4. Elementary School Fees 2018/19

Superintendent of Schools Mark Pearmain 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. Superintendent Pearmain noted that the range of fees is based on cost recovery and Trustees are encouraged to contact their individual schools for clarification.

C.5. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle Secondary and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects. Superintendent Pearmain shared that the North Vancouver School District will be hosting a Capital Planning Meeting on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 whereby the draft Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) will be discussed.

Motion to Extend

Moved by C. Gerlach, Seconded by F. Stratton, Carried
to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm.

C.6. Tuesday, May 8, 2018 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Gerlach reported on the meeting that focused on Aboriginal Education.

C.7. 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 Mount Vernon, Washington, USA
(April 28-29, 2018)

C.8. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to Argyle Secondary School, Blueridge, Ross Road and Seymour Heights Elementary schools. Superintendent Pearmain acknowledged the School District’s Aboriginal Team for organizing a screening of the movie *Indian Horse* and congratulated the District Student Leadership Council for hosting a successful student-led forum.

C.9. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers’ Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Gerlach shared that the BCSTA Budget was passed at the AGM. Chair Sacré noted that both motions brought forward by the North Vancouver Board of Education passed.

There was no update from on BCPSEA.

C.10. 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
 - Audit Committee Meeting
 - Advisory Planning Commission Meeting
 - Norgate Elementary PAC Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - BCSTA AGM
 - Seycove Exit Interviews
 - Iron Horse Movie Screening

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, June 19, 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.

Birgit Weaver, North Vancouver Sport Advisory Council, clarified the name of the advisory council and spoke with respect the track and field facilities at Handsworth, Sutherland, Windsor and West Vancouver. Ms. Weaver noted that, at this moment, there are no facilities on the North Shore that can be made functional for a competition.

Darren Steele, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding student service teachers and noted the need to increase staffing ratios. Superintendent Mark Pearmain clarified statements regarding staffing ratios.

Karen Nordquist, resident of North Vancouver, spoke regarding the budget and the potential need to cut counsellors and learning support teachers to meet ratios in class composition ratios.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:18 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

June 19, 2018

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

June 19, 2018

Date