

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, November 17, 2020.

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

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Christie Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Squamish Nation and Tsleil-Waututh Nation. Chair Sacré announced that the North Vancouver School District would be extending the Temporary Transition Support Option until March 2021. Details on the extension will be provided by the end of November. Aboriginal Veterans Day and Remembrance Day were recognized as important dates. A special acknowledgement was shared for the passing of Hereditary Chief of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation, elder Ernest George.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by K. Mann

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

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

Residents of North Vancouver, Armity Mehin, Tracey Larmour, Serena Luk, and, Farhad Mehrkhodavandi, all spoke regarding the Temporary Transitional Support Option.

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.

Jennifer Branston, Co-Chair of North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, spoke regarding the Temporary Transitional Support Option, thanking the Board of Education for extending the option. Ms. Branston urged the Board to continue the option for the remainder of the school year.

Carolyn Pena, President of North Vancouver Teachers' Association, provided her review of the Standing Committee Meeting, noting that more opportunity for questions is needed. Ms. Pena also spoke the organization of classes, asking that more planning be put in place to resolve the amount of remedy that is occurring and meet the requirements of the restored language.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by D. Bruce

that the minutes of the public meeting of October 20, 2020, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

B.1. Election of Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart reported that the Board was required by its [Policy 101: Board of Education – Role and Function](#) and [Policy 104: Board of Education - Meetings](#) to elect one of its members to be the Board Chair. Secretary Treasurer Stewart called for nominations for the position of Chair for one year, at which time, Trustee Sacré nominated Trustee Tsiakos. There being no other nominations, Trustee Tsiakos was declared Board Chair for the term of December 1, 2020, to November 30, 2021, or until a successor has been elected.

B.2. Election of Board Vice Chair

Chair Sacré called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board for one year, at which time, Trustee Mann nominated Trustee Bruce. There being no other nominations, Trustee Bruce was declared Board Vice Chair for the term of December 1, 2020, to November 30, 2021, or until a successor has been elected.

B.3. Election to BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council and to BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Chair Sacré reported that the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) requires the Board to elect annually, two Trustees to the British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Provincial Council. One Trustee is to serve as the Board's representative and one Trustee is required to serve as an alternate.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of the Board's representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council for 2021. Trustee Bruce nominated Trustee Tasi Baker. There being no other nominations, Trustee Tasi Baker was declared the Board's representative to BCSTA.

The Chair called for nominations for the alternate representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council for 2021. Trustee Tasi Baker nominated Trustee Mann. There being no other nominations, Trustee Mann was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCSTA Provincial Council.

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Trustee Representative to the BCPSEA for 2021. Trustee Higgins nominated Trustee Gerlach. There being no other nominations, Trustee Gerlach was declared the Board's representative to BCPSEA.

The Chair called for nominations for the alternate representative to the BCPSEA for 2021. Trustee Gerlach nominated Trustee Sacré. There being no other nominations, Trustee Sacré was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCPSEA.

B.4. 2021/22 Operating Budget Development Consultation Process

Jacqui Stewart, Secretary Treasurer, introduced this item noting that annually, a budget consultation framework is developed in preparation of the Annual Budget. The proposed process involves the Board inviting its five partner groups and the public to attend budget information and discussion sessions that will provide opportunities for their input.

The following process and timelines were proposed for the 2021/22 Budget Development Process:

1. December 10, 2020
 - Invitations to be sent to all partner groups, inviting them to participate and outlining the consultation process and their role. Information will be posted on the School District website and through social media with intent to draw public interest in the budget development.
2. February 2, 2021 – Public Standing Committee Meeting - Finance and Facilities
 - Staff presentation and discussion of issues and opportunities related to the development of the 2021/22 Preliminary Budget, including:

B.4. 2021/22 Operating Budget Development Consultation Process (continued)

- a) Amended operating grant 2020/21;
 - b) Three-Year forecast, assumptions, and future considerations;
 - c) Technology planning; and,
 - d) Review of the 2020/21 budget priorities and themes
 - Email comments may be submitted between February 3, 2021, and March 12, 2021, at budgetcomments@sd44.ca
 - Online ThoughtExchange comments may be submitted between February 19, 2021, and March 12, 2021. This information will be collated and included in the April 6, 2021, meeting feedback categorized by budget themes.
3. April 6, 2021 – Public Standing Committee Meeting – Finance and Facilities
- Partner group presentation, or written submission, of top three priorities. Participation in this activity will be at the discretion of each partner group.
 - Staff presentation and discussion of issues and opportunities related to the:
 - a) Review of the Ministry of Education’s mid-March announcement for the 2021/22 Preliminary Grant;
 - b) Review of the current forecast for 2020/21 to June 30, 2021; and,
 - c) Review of the revised Three-Year forecast.
4. May 18, 2021 – Public Board Meeting
- Executive Summary presentation of suggested priorities, adjustments and improvements, proposed by the partner groups and the public, for consideration and inclusion by the Board in the 2021/22 Annual Budget.
5. June 22, 2021 – Public Board Meeting
- 2021/22 Annual Budget Bylaw presented for approval and adoption by the Board.

Trustees requested that more opportunities be extended to partner groups to participate in the development of the budget.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education approve the proposed process and timelines identified within Board Schedule B.4. for the development of the 2021/22 Budget.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

C.1. North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council Annual Report 2019/2020

To provide highlights of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council’s (NVPAC) activities in the 2019/2020 year, Chair Sacré welcomed Jennifer Branston, NVPAC Co-Chair, to the table.

Ms. Branston thanked the Board for its continued support and highlighted the 2019/2020 year.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré thanked Ms. Branston for her support of the Parent Advisory Councils in the North Vancouver School District.

C.2. Physical Literacy Update

Director of Education Programs Conor McMullan provided an overview on Physical Literacy in the North Vancouver School District. Physical Literacy is an area that has had continued growth over the past few years with staff taking on roles to support students and other staff across the School District. During the presentation, Mr. McMullan showcased examples of successes and opportunities for development in support of active and physically engaging learning.

C.3. Student Recognition Guidelines

Assistant Superintendent Chris Atkinson was invited to the table to update the Board of Education on recognizing student achievement. Implementation of the new curriculum, and corresponding changes to assessment practices prompted administrators in North Vancouver secondary schools to consider alternative methods of recognizing student achievement.

The topic of Recognizing Student Academic Achievement and Effort was explored by a review group in the 2019/2020 school year with the goal of better informing parents of student achievement. In order to honour the diverse contributions and accomplishments of students in the context of the local community, the NVSD encouraged each school to create their own unique recognition process. These new models continue to be explained and socialized to the school community, and repeatedly celebrated over time in order to establish a new culture.

C.4. School District Enrolment and Organization of Classes Report – 2020/21

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and provided an update regarding the School District's enrolment for the 2020/21 school year and highlighted comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments for September 2020.

The requirement for the reporting of the Organization of Classes is no longer required by legislation or Ministry direction; however, the information contained within this report is useful for year to year comparison of class size and other demographic data within the North Vancouver School District. The report provided detailed information on student enrolment, supplemental enrolment, class size limits/composition requirements and comparison on class size average and combined classes.

C.5. 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.6. Tuesday, November 10, 2020, Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Bruce reported on the meeting that showcased the North Shore Restorative Justice Society and a presentation from the North Vancouver School District on COVID-19.

C.7. Superintendent's Report (including COVID-19)

Superintendent Pearmain provided an update on COVID-19 which included current exposures and holding weekly calls with Vancouver Coastal Health and the Ministry of Education. The new Provincial Health Officer Orders were referenced. Superintendent Pearmain shared additional information regarding the extension of the Temporary Transition Support Option.

C.8. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Tasi Baker noted the February 2021 deadline for motions for the BCSTA Annual General Meeting. Trustee Gerlach shared that she would be participating on a conference call for BCPSEA to receive information on a new Interim CEO and additional information on the upcoming Annual General Meeting.

C.9. Trustees' Reports

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

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting

C.9. Trustees’ Reports (continued)

- Public Standing Committee Meeting
- Trustee Seminar Meetings
- Policy Review Committee
- Inclusive Hiring Practices Sub-Committee Meeting
- North Vancouver Museum and Archives Meeting
- BCSTA Metro Meeting
- School Parent Advisory Council Meetings

2. Events attended by Trustees included:

- City of North Vancouver Collaboration
- Various Remembrance Day Ceremonies
- BCSTA Provincial Council
- Translink Webinar for NVSD Parents
- This is Table Talk – Discussion with Parker Johnson

Notice of Motion Update

During Trustees’ Reports, Trustee Gerlach advised that she was continuing to work on the restorative justice motion and would be bringing it forward at the January 2021 meeting.

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Virtual
Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Microsoft Teams
Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Virtual
Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Microsoft Teams

E. Public Question & Comment Period

Shirlee Law and Tracey Larmour, both residents of North Vancouver, thanked the Board of Education for extending the Temporary Transition Support Option and requested that the option be continued until the pandemic is under control.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

December 8, 2020

Date

Original signed by G. Tsiakos

George Tsiakos
Chair, Board of Education

December 8, 2020

Date