

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 21, 2017.

PRESENT: C. Sacré, Chair
J. Stanley, Vice Chair (teleconference)
B. Forward
C. Gerlach
S. Skinner (teleconference)

ABSENT: M. Higgins
F. Stratton

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.

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 and Trustee Stanley in the November 21, 2017 Public Meeting by telephone.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Gerlach

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.

Martin Stuible, President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association, spoke regarding the restored language, asking the Board of Education for support surrounding funding, space for classes and specialist positions.

Student representatives of the District Student Leadership Council updated the Board on topics that were discussed by members at the last General Meeting. The representatives from Handsworth Secondary shared that students are motivated by an intrinsic learning environment, allowing for a fulsome understanding of subjects.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by B. Forward

that the minutes of the public meeting of October 17, 2017 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Cleveland Elementary

For the past two years, students from Cleveland Elementary School have been participating in a research project to discover what is important to them in the learning dynamic. Students were asked to draw, paint, or photograph their favourite thing to do at school. During this time, students from Chang'ombe Primary School in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania were asked the same question. On October 3, 2017, in the Artist's for Kids Gallery, the student's responses were revealed.

Principal of Cleveland, Bill Reid, and Dr. Jodi Strelasky, from the University of Victoria, provided a summary of the research project to the Board and arranged for an opportunity to experience the art, and hear a few of the children speak about the impact this research has had on their learning, as well as hear how the research has contributed to Cleveland School's strategic planning.

Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked the group for participating in this project.

B.1. 2017/18 Operating Budget Development Consultation Process

Georgia Allison, Secretary Treasurer, introduced this item noting that at this time, 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 2017/18 Budget Development Process:

1. February 6, 2018 – Finance Public Standing Committee Meeting
 - Staff presentation and discussion of issues and opportunities related to the:
 - a) Amended Operating Grant 2017/18;
 - b) Three-Year Forecast, assumptions, and future considerations;
 - c) Review of the 2017/18 Budget Priorities and Themes and how they will support budget planning for the 2018/19 Budget.
2. April 3, 2018 – Finance Public Standing Committee Meeting
 - Staff presentation and discussion of issues and opportunities related to the:
 - a) Review of the Ministry of Education's mid-March Preliminary Grant announcement;
 - b) Review of the current 2017/18 Forecast to June 30, 2018;
 - c) Review of the revised Three-Year Forecast;
 - d) Annual Facilities Grant Capital Plan;
 - e) Review of the 2017/18 Budget Priorities & Themes related to budget planning for the 2018/19 budget.
3. April 24, 2018 – Public Board Meeting
 - Executive Summary presentation of suggested priorities, adjustments and improvements, proposed by the Board's partner groups and the public, for consideration and inclusion by the Board in the 2018/19 Annual Budget.
4. May 22, 2018 – Public Board Meeting
 - 2018/19 Annual Budget Bylaw presented for approval and adoption by the Board.

Moved by C. Gelrach

that the Board of Education approve the proposed process and timelines identified within Board Schedule B.1. for the development of the 2018/19 Budget.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

B.2. Audit Committee Revised Terms of Reference

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison noted that on November 14, 2017 the Audit Committee convened to review the Audit Committee Terms of Reference. The Audit Committee reviews and assesses the adequacy of the committee Terms of Reference annually, requesting board approval for proposed changes.

Moved by B. Forward

that the Board approve the attached Audit Committee Revised Terms of Reference – Board of Education (North Vancouver) for immediate implementation.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

C.1. Organization of Classes Report – 2017/18

Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan introduced this item and stated that, although no longer required by legislation, the monitoring and tracking of changes in class size organization experienced from year to year is helpful to the Board. Assistant Superintendents Atkinson and Ryan walked through the detailed [Organization of Classes Report](#), which identified class sizes at each level.

Responding to Trustees' questions, clarification was provided on the composition challenges surrounding diverse learners, where the School District plans to find specialty teachers and what the next steps are for supporting students, schools, classrooms and teachers.

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. Clarification was provided to Trustees regarding the proposed artificial turf field at Argyle Secondary.

C.3. Tuesday, November 7, 2017 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Gerlach reported on the meeting that focused on Mental Health.

C.4. 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:

- Handsworth Secondary School – field trip to Anaheim and San Diego, CA, USA (January 18-22, 2018)

C.5. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to schools. Special recognition was provided to schools for the numerous Remembrance Day Ceremonies that were held across the School District.

C.6. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Gerlach reported out on the BCSTA Provincial Council, noting that all motions put forward passed. Trustee Gerlach attended the BCPSEA Symposium.

C.7. 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
 - DSLC Dinner Meeting
 - Presidents Council Meeting
 - NVPAC General Meeting
 - Seymour Track and Field Meeting
 - BCPSEA Metro Meeting
 - BCPSEA Partner Liaison Meeting
 - BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting
 - ITC Meeting
 - Seclusion/Restraint Sub-Committee Meeting
 - Complex Learner/Evacuation Sub-Committee Meeting
 - CYSAT – Children and Youth Safe and Active Transportation Meeting
 - District of North Vancouver

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Carson Graham Secondary – Walk-about for Safe Routes to School
 - Various school visits
 - NVPAC Meet and Greet
 - Remembrance Day Ceremonies
 - BCPSEA Symposium

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Thursday , January 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting - Enhanced Programs	Sutherland Secondary School 1860 Sutherland Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, January 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 6, 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.

Karen Nordquist, resident of North Vancouver, spoke with respect to the dialogue around the organization of classes. Ms. Nordquist noted that the Ministry of Education recently updated the language they use from special education to inclusive education and asked that the School District be mindful when talking about diverse learners.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

December 12, 2017

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

December 12, 2017

Date

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