

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 19, 2019.

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

A. Call to Order

Chair Sacré called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 K. Mann

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

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

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 October 15, 2019, was requested in Section C.2. to add: Discussions included the opportunities for recruitment of people with developmental disabilities.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the minutes of the public meeting of October 15, 2019 be approved as amended.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Highlands Elementary School

Highland Elementary School students from Miss Wright's and Miss Mulock's class shared their experience attending the We Day 2019 event that was held at the Rogers Arena. We Day is a celebration of young people and educators who have made a difference in their school, community or world. The We to Me Club at Highlands along with the entire school participated in projects that focussed on making a difference in the community and through their hard work earned 31 tickets to attend this event. Students Channing, Karah, Oliver, Justine and EunWoo reflected on what they learned at We Day and that the strength to make a change is within all of us.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Sacré and Superintendent Mark Pearmain thanked the students for sharing their experience and all the students at Highlands for their support and courage for making a difference in the community.

B.1. Election of Board Chair

Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison 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 Allison called for nominations for the position of Chair for one year, at which time, Trustee Mann nominated Trustee Sacré. There being no other nominations, Trustee Sacré was declared Board Chair for the term of December 1, 2019, to November 30, 2020, 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 Higgins nominated Trustee Tsiakos. There being no other nominations, Trustee Tsiakos was declared Board Vice Chair for the term of December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020, 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 2020. 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 2020. 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 2020. Trustee Tsiakos 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 2020. Trustee Mann nominated Trustee Bruce. There being no other nominations, Trustee Bruce was declared the Board's alternate representative to the BCPSEA.

B.4. Proposed Revised Policy 202: Alternative Delivery – Physical and Health Education K-10

Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced this item to provide an update on the proposed revised Policy 202: Alternative Delivery – Physical and Health Education K-10.

Revisions to Policy 202: Alternate Delivery – Physical and Health Education K-10 and Career Life Education 10 were approved by the Board of Education at the Public Board Meeting of March 13, 2018. As of July 1, 2018, the Ministry of Education's new Career Education 10 curriculum no longer includes topics related to sexual decision-making. The Ministry Policy for Alternative Delivery in the Physical and Health Education and Planning 10 Curricula does not apply to the Career Education learning standards.

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, on behalf of Kathleen Barter, District Principal of Curriculum and Assessment, provided a draft revision to Policy 202, which removed all references to Career Life Education, to the North Vancouver School District Policy Review Committee at their regularly scheduled meeting of October 28, 2019. The Policy Review Committee included Trustees Christie Sacré and George Tsiakos, representatives from the secondary and elementary school administrators (NOVA), the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTAs), the North Vancouver

B.4. Proposed Revised Policy 202: Alternative Delivery – Physical and Health Education K-10 (continued)

Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC) and the District Student Leadership Council (DSLCL). The Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 389) representatives sent their regrets.

Moved by M. Higgins

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed Revised Policy 202: Alternative Delivery – Physical and Health Education K-10*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of November 19, 2019.

Seconded by D. Bruce

Carried

B.5. 2020/21 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 2020/21 Budget Development Process:

1. December 11, 2019

- 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 website and through social media with intent to draw public interest in the budget process.

2. February 4, 2020 – Public Standing Committee Meeting - Finance and Facilities

- Staff presentation and discussion of issues and opportunities related to the development of the 2020/21 Preliminary Budget, including:
 - a) Amended Operating Grant 2019/20;
 - b) Three-Year Forecast, assumptions, and future considerations;
 - c) Technology planning;
 - d) Review of the 2019/20 Budget Priorities and Themes and how that will support budget planning for the 2020/21 Budget.
- a. Email comments may be submitted between February 4, 2020 and March 13, 2020.
- b. Online ThoughtExchange comments may be submitted between February 18, 2020 and March 13, 2020. This information will be collated and included in the April 7, 2020, meeting feedback categorized by budget themes.

3. April 7, 2020 – Public Standing Committee Meeting – Finance and Facilities

- 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 2019/20 Forecast to June 30, 2019;
 - c) Review of the revised Three-Year Forecast;

Facilitated Session

- Partner group presentation, or written submission, of top three priorities. Participation in this activity will be at the discretion of each partner group;
- Table group discussion of budget priorities for participants to provide input on top priorities.
- Large group discussion of budget priorities.

4. April 28, 2020 – 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 2020/21 Annual Budget.

B.5. 2020/21 Operating Budget Development Consultation Process (continued)

5. May 26, 2020 – Public Board Meeting

- 2020/21 Annual Budget Bylaw presented for approval and adoption by the Board.

Moved by D. Bruce

that the Board of Education approve the proposed process and timelines identified within Board Schedule B.5. for the development of the 2020/21 Budget.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

C.1. Track & Field Facilities and Use – Information Overview

Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan presented to the Board an information overview of the North Vancouver School District's current track and field facilities, with emphasis on existing track amenities and including some indication of the type and level of usage of these facilities.

On the request of Superintendent Pearmain, Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan surveyed the North Shore Secondary Schools Association Athletic Coordinator and the Sponsor Administrator for North Shore elementary school athletics, as well as the Athletic Directors at NVSD secondary schools. A broad overview of track and field sport locations in the school district and their respective usage levels was compiled for the Board's information. Track facility use is focused upon North Vancouver School District secondary schools; there are no established purpose-built tracks at any elementary schools within the North Vancouver School District.

Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan shared with the Board that schools preferred the rubberized track surface for traction and safety reasons compared to the asphalt track surface. Superintendent Mark Pearmain confirmed that the Sutherland track will require resurfacing in the near future and the option of replacing the existing asphalt track with a rubberized surface was discussed.

In response to the Trustees questions, Secretary Treasurer Georgia Allison clarified that a Joint Use Agreement with the District and City of North Vancouver was in place for both the Windsor and Sutherland tracks respectively. The Handsworth track was originally funded by the community and does not have a joint use agreement in place.

Chair Sacré thanked the Assistant Superintendent Pius Ryan for the comprehensive report on the track and field facilities and usage and acknowledged the Athletic Coordinator and Athletic Directors for their contribution.

C.2. School District Enrollment & Organization of Classes Report

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and provided an update regarding the School District's enrolment for the 2019/20 school year and highlighted comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments for September 2019.

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. Since the Supreme Court of Canada's decision restored the previously removed contract language on Class Size and Composition, Superintendent Mark Pearmain presented a modified report that provided information that relates to the North Vancouver School District and North Vancouver Teachers Association contract. The report provided detailed information on student enrolment, supplemental enrolment, class size limits/composition requirements and comparison on class size average and combined classes.

The Enrolment Update, based on September 29, 2019 information, reports total actual student enrolment is at 15,317 full time equivalent (FTE) students and is 367 students over the projected student enrolment. The enrolment growth pattern continues in Central Lonsdale, Norgate and Lynnmour areas with an increase in English Language Learners (ELL) and aboriginal students.

C.3. Land Management Update

Superintendent Mark Pearmain updated the Board on the Argyle and Handsworth Secondary School Replacement Projects and highlighted that the Mountainside Secondary Seismic Upgrade consists of five phases and phase one will be complete by the end of January or early February 2020. There is no change with Cloverley Elementary School and Lucas Centre.

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:

- Windsor Secondary School – field trip to Idaho, USA (February 27-March 1, 2020)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Japan (March 11-29, 2020)
- Handsworth/Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Peru (March 14-26, 2020)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Finland/Estonia/Latvia (March 12-20, 2020)

C.5. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights from his visits to schools. Special recognition was provided to Indigo Books for their donation to Norgate Elementary School to go towards supporting literacy and the upgrade of their library. Superintendent Mark Pearmain attended the Squamish Nation Council Presentation that was held at the Squamish Nation House of Government and noted that this was a foundational step towards the continuation to build a government to government relationship.

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

Trustee Tasi Baker reported that the BCSTA Annual General Meeting is on November 28 – 30th, 2019. There was no update on BCPSEA.

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
 - Strategic Planning Meeting
 - Dinner Meeting with Tsleil ‘Waututh Chief and Council Members
 - Meeting with MLA Bowinn Ma
 - Meeting with Ridgeway PAC Chair
 - Vancouver Coastal Health North Shore Liaison Group Meeting
 - Kindergarten Registration Meeting
 - Board Planning Meeting
 - Presidents Council Meeting
 - Meeting with BCSTA Reps – Carolyn Broady & Donna Sargent
 - Meeting on Cheakamus Centre Update
 - Policy Review Meeting
 - District Student Leadership Committee
 - NVPAC Meeting
 - City of North Vancouver Youth Initiatives Fund Evaluation Meeting
 - Meeting with Canucks Autism Network
 - Meeting with North Vancouver Museum and Archives
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
 - Coffee Meeting with Mayor Buchanan at Higher Grounds Café

C.7. Trustees’ Reports (continued)

- Meeting with Carson Graham Students and Teachers re: Covenant House Sleep Out
 - School Calendar Meeting
 - BCPSEA Rep Meeting
 - Metro Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
- Sutherland Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - Argyle Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - Handsworth Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - Carson Graham Remembrance Day Ceremony
 - “Walk with Chanie” with Carisbrooke Elementary
 - “Walk with Chanie” with Norgate Elementary
 - Queensbury Elementary School Tour
 - Planning Institute of BC Annual Dinner
 - BCSTA Provincial Council
 - Handsworth Secondary School Visit
 - Canyon Heights Elementary School Visit
 - Principal and Vice Principal Interviews
 - Higher Grounds Café Grand Opening
 - Braemar Elementary Mindful Kids Program
 - Seycove Secondary School Visit
 - Dorothy Lynas School Visit
 - RCMP Pole Raising Event
 - City of North Vancouver Mayor Buchanan’s Luncheon at Shipyards
 - North Shore Restorative Justice Gala at Polygon Gallery
 - Early Learning Summit
 - Mayors State of the City Luncheon
 - Physical Literacy 501 Workshop
 - Family Services of the North Shore Christmas Bureau Official Launch
 - Wigs for Kids Fundraiser at Canyon Heights Elementary
 - Visit North Shore Connexions Society
 - Coffee with a Cop – North Vancouver RCMP Event at Delany’s
 - Dragon Den Judge for Grade 7 Students Food Trucks at Queen Mary
 - Grand Opening of the North Vancouver Urgent and Primary Care Centre
 - Lynn Valley Entrepreneur Fair

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:30 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee 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.

No one was wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

December 10, 2019

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

December 10, 2019

Date