

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, October 18, 2016.

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.

No one wished to speak.

A.4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by B. Forward

that the minutes of the public meeting of September 20, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

A.5. Student Presentation – Seycove Secondary Performance Learning Program (PLP)

Students from Seycove Secondary presented on the school's Performance Learning Program (PLP) which provides challenging, enriching, and supportive learning environments through inquiry and project-based learning, technology for learning and learning beyond the school. Grade 11 students and group members; Jayden Clayton, Michael Fourie, Marley Harmon, Zakaria Rook, and Michael Sutherland, shared their [Manhattan Project²](#) with the Board.

A.6. Presentation – District Student Leadership Council Introduction

Superintendent of Schools Mark Pearmain welcomed members of the District Student Leadership Council (DSLCC) to the table. DSLCC members David Wilson, Co-President (Argyle), Chelssy Kim, Co-Vice President (Sutherland) and Kirsten Larson Co-Vice President (Sutherland) thanked the Board for an opportunity to share their ideas and [plans](#) for the 2016/17 school year.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked the students for their involvement and leadership.

A.7. Farm to School Delegation

Chair Sacré introduced Sam Gambling, Vancouver Regional Hub Animator from Farm to School BC. Ms. Gambling introduced Farm to School BC, highlighted some of the current activities taking place in the Vancouver Area and in North Vancouver schools and discussed further opportunities for advancing Farm to School in North Vancouver. The [presentation](#) can be found online.

B.1. French Immersion Secondary Programming

Director of Instruction Dr. Joanne Robertson was welcomed to the table to provide the Board of Education with recommendations for the French Immersion Secondary Programming. In January 2016, the North Vancouver School District French Immersion Review Committee was established to review enrolment trends and current Ministry policies and to make recommendations regarding future options for enhancing the program.

Ms. Robertson shared that the consultation process was based on student forums, online surveys, stakeholder consultation sessions, and community forums. The consultation process provided the Committee with concerns and considerations from stakeholder groups which helped establish the reconfiguration of Secondary French Immersion.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the Board approve the reconfiguration of Secondary French Immersion, as outlined in the District French Immersion Review Committee Report October 2016 attached to the Administrative Memorandum of October 18, 2016, and that the program begin September 2017.

Seconded by J. Stanley

Carried

C.1. Summer Learning Program Update – Supporting Student Learning Summer School Program

Chair Sacré welcomed Director of Instruction Dr. Joanne Robertson and Kammi Clark, the teacher for the *Supporting Student Learning Summer School Program* to the table to provide a summary and review of the program that took place in the summer of 2016.

Ms. Clark spoke to the successes and challenges, specifically stating that collaboration was key to the success of the program. Looking ahead, both Ms. Clark and Ms. Robertson agreed that there are many opportunities for the expansion of the program and noted that they would be working on a proposal to present to the Board at a later date.

C.2. Artists for Kids 2015/16 Annual Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item and invited to the table, Yolande Martinello, Director of the Artists for Kids Trust and District Administrator of Fine Arts, to present the Artists for Kids 2015/16 Annual Report.

Ms. Martinello reported on the programs and services provided to the students and community in the last year and provided updates on the financial position and operations. Special acknowledgment was made to Queensbury Elementary school for receiving the inaugural Bill Reid First Nations Culture Grant of \$1,000 for their week-long celebration of aboriginal culture, Huy chexw a.

C.3. Preliminary Enrolment Update

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and provided an update regarding the School District's enrolment for the 2016/17 school year and highlighted comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments for September 2016.

A total of 15,077 students have been enrolled at this time for the year, compared to the projected total of 15,350. Superintendent Pearmain advised that a further enrolment update will be provided at the November 15, 2016 Public Board Meeting.

C.4. Learning Improvement Fund – Consultation Update and Final Spending Plan

Superintendent of Schools Mark Pearmain introduced this agenda item, noting that the *Learning Improvement Fund (Bill 22-2012: Education Improvement Act)* was implemented to help school districts address complex classroom composition issues. The negotiated settlement between BCTF and BCPSEA now includes the *Learning Improvement Fund (LIF)* within the collective agreement, thereby providing increased certainty of funding. The portion of the fund available to the North Vancouver School District for the 2016/17 school year is \$2,661,774.

Superintendent Pearmain reported that the allocation of LIF funds requires the dedication of 80% of the fund to teaching positions and this portion of the fund is referred to as the *Education Fund*. The *Education Fund* amount for the North Vancouver School District is \$2,219,419 and will generate approximately 21.854 full time equivalent (FTE) teaching positions. The remaining 20%, considered the *Support Staff Fund*, will be allocated to support staff positions. The 2016/17 *Support Staff Fund* for the North Vancouver School District is \$532,355.

C.5. Land, Learning and Livability Community Engagement - Update

Mark Pearmain, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and noted that there has been no change in the status of surplus sites.

C.6. Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Standing Committee Meeting

Trustee Forward reported on the meeting that focussed on Moving from the thinking Classroom to Instructional Rounds, EA Mentorship Program and, Complex Learners.

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:

- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Seattle, Washington, USA (November 30-December 2, 2016)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Orlando, Florida, USA (February 9-14, 2016)
- Sutherland Secondary School – field trip to Seattle, Washington, USA (February 16-17, 2016)

C.8. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Mark Pearmain shared highlights of his visits to elementary and secondary schools. Assistant Superintendents Chris Atkinson and Pius Ryan provided updates on how the North Vancouver School District, as an organization, is a healthy and vibrant school district.

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

Trustee Gerlach noted that the BCSTA Provincial Council that is taking place October 28 – 29, 2016.

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
 - Inclusion Meeting: Mental Health
 - French Immersion Committee Meeting
 - North Vancouver Recreation and Culture Commission Meeting
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Squamish Nation Welcome Dinner
 - Montroyal Walk and Wheel
 - Braemar Fall Fair
 - Orange Shirt Day

Motion to Extend

Moved by C. Gerlach
to extend the meeting past 10:00 pm.
Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Meeting - Enhanced Programs	Sutherland Secondary School 1860 Sutherland 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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:02 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

November 15, 2016

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

November 15, 2016

Date