

**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 24, 2023.

**PRESENT:** K. Mann, Chair  
D. Anderson  
C. Gerlach  
G. Tsiakos  
L. Tumaneng  
A. Wilson

**REGRETS:** L. Munro, Vice Chair

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**A. Call to Order**

Board Chair Kulvir Mann called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**A.1. Acknowledgments**

Board Chair Mann acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

**A.2. Approval of Agenda**

A revision to the agenda was requested, to defer approval of the proposed new Policy 614: Public Interest Disclosure to the next Public Board Meeting.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

That the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, as amended be adopted.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

**A.3. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by A. Wilson

that the minutes of the public meeting of September 26, 2023, be approved as amended to correct minor grammar and typos.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

**A.4. Public Question/Comment Period**

The public comment concerning the playing field for Handsworth Secondary was read into the record.

**A.5. Educational Presentation: Healthy Futures**

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Tine Parker, District Vice Principal, Healthy Schools and Luke Smeaton, Manager of Sustainability, to present an update to the Board of Education on the Healthy Futures Program which aims to support food security for students.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

**B.2. Notice of Motion - Policy 103: Board of Education: Policy Development – Administrative Procedures**

Trustee Cyndi Gerlach and Trustee George Tsiakos introduced the notice of motion. As outlined in Policy 103: Board of Education: Policy Development, the Superintendent has exclusive responsibility and control over the approval and implementation of all Board of Education Policies. Under the proposed Notice of Motion, the Board of Education would be responsible for approving changes to the Administrative Procedures for the Board Governance and Foundation Policies (100 series).

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the Board of Education adopt the recommended changes to Policy 103: Board of Education - Policy Development, as outlined in Appendix A, and direct the Superintendent, through the Policy Review Committee, to update Policy 103 and related Administrative Procedures to reflect these changes.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

**C.1. New Elementary School in Cloverley Neighbourhood**

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart introduced Jim MacKenzie, Director of Facilities and Planning, who provided an overview of the planning for the new elementary school in the Cloverley neighborhood.

Mr. MacKenzie provided clarification and responded to Trustees' questions.

**C.2. Enrolment Update**

Secretary Treasurer Stewart Introduced Justin Wong, District Principal, Administrative Services to provide an update regarding school district enrolment for the 2023/24 school year. District Principal Wong highlighted year over year growth and comparisons between the projected and actual enrolments for September 2023.

Mr. Wong responded to Trustee's questions.

**C.3 Organization of Classes Update**

District Principal Wong provided an update on the organization of classes for the 2023/24 school year. The report provided a snapshot of average class sizes with historical trends.

Mr. Wong responded to questions about the presentation.

**C.4. Committee Reports – Written Update**

Written updates on the Communications Committee, the District Screening Committee and the Policy Review Committee were included in the Board Agenda Package.

Dr. Ryan responded to questions about the reports.

**C.5. Land Management – Written Update**

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Agenda Package, no questions were asked.

**C.6 Standing Committee Meeting of Tuesday, October 10, 2023**

Trustee Cyndi Gerlach provided a brief summary of the meeting.

### **C.7. Superintendent's Report**

Chair Mann introduced Dr. Ryan, Superintendent, who provided an update to Trustees on events, initiatives and programming across the school district since the September Public Board Meeting.

Dr. Ryan responded to Trustees' questions.

### **C.8. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association and BC Public School Employers' Association**

Trustee Tsiakos provided an update on information related to the British Columbia School Trustees Association including the recent Provincial Council meeting.

Trustee Gerlach did not have any updates regarding the BC Public School Employers' Association.

### **C.9. Trustees' Reports/Highlights**

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from September 27 to October 24, 2023, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

- **Meetings attended by Trustees included:**

- Public Board Meeting
- Standing Committee Meeting
- Trustee Seminars and Retreat
- Artists for Kids Management Meeting
- Communications Committee Meeting
- District Student Leadership Council Meetings
- Indigenous Education Council Committee Meeting
- Kindergarten Information Session
- North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council Meet and Greet
- Parent Advisory Council meeting at Handsworth Secondary
- School Calendar Committee Meeting
- North Shore Table Matters Meeting
- North Vancouver Recreation & Culture Commission Meeting
- BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting
- BCSTA Metro Branch Meeting
- BCSTA Inclusion & Accessibility Working Group
- BCSTA Board Chairs Meeting and Advocacy Day with MLAs at BC Legislature in Victoria

- **Events attended by Trustees included:**

- City of North Vancouver Mayor's Gala
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation Ceremony and Assembly at Argyle Secondary, Carson Graham Secondary School and the former St Paul's residential school led by Squamish Nation
- North Shore Youth Resources Fair at the Education Services Centre
- Celebration for completion of Argyle Secondary Artificial Turf Field
- Cross Country Meet at Lynnmour Elementary
- School Visits: Argyle Secondary, Braemar Elementary, Capilano Elementary, Carisbrooke Elementary, Lynnmour Elementary and Mountainside Secondary.

**D. Future Meetings**

<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North Vancouver
Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave North 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.

Questions were asked by three members of the public, on separate topics.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Mann adjourned the meeting at 8.42 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

*Original signed by J. Stewart*

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Jacqui Stewart  
Secretary Treasurer

*November 21, 2023*

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Date

*Original signed by K. Mann*

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Kulvir Mann  
Chair, Board of Education

*November 21, 2023*

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Date