

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **Meeting Summary of November 8, 2016**

Meeting Summary of the Board of Education's Standing Committee Meeting held at the Education Services Centre, 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

Trustees Higgins, Sacré and Stanley were all in attendance, Trustee Forward was away due to a personal matter, Trustee Gerlach and Stratton were away due to a family matter, and Trustee Skinner was away due to illness. Representatives of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), North Vancouver Administrators (NoVA), North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTAs), and School District Staff attended the meeting.

#### **Call to Order:**

Standing Committee Chair Megan Higgins called the Standing Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 pm, thanking those in attendance for coming to engage with the School District.

#### **How Assessment Supports Curriculum**

Kathleen Barter, District Vice Principal, presented on the new BC K-9 curriculum and changes to the North Vancouver School District report cards.

To support the new BC K-9 curriculum, the Ministry of Education issued a new Interim Reporting Order in the fall of 2016. To fulfill the requirements of the Interim Reporting Order, the North Vancouver School District created a new elementary report card that enhances teachers' ability to comment on student learning in relation to the new curriculum. While much of the report card format remains visually the same as previous years, there are a few changes that allow for more comprehensive communication with parents. Ms. Barter guided the group through sample report cards and answered questions.

In addition to the new NVSD report card, there are two separate reporting pilots underway in nine elementary schools this year, testing alternate formats and processes for communicating student learning to parents. The FreshGrade Application, piloted at Canyon Heights, Seymour Heights, Sherwood Park and Upper Lynn, communicates visual evidence of student learning. Brooksbank, Capilano, Norgate, Queen May and Westview are incorporating a three way conferencing with students, parents and teachers in place of one of the three traditional report cards. Carson Graham, Capilano and Queen Mary are using International Baccalaureate rubric levels in lieu of traditional grades.

Concluding the evening, Ms. Barter reminded the group that communicating student learning and the new processes to parents is a priority. Standing Committee Chair Higgins thanked all of those who attended.

The presentations can be found online: [Meetings & Minutes 2016/17](#)

#### **Next Meeting:**

January 12, 2016