

**BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Meeting Summary of October 11, 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, October 11, 2016.

**Meeting Attendance:**

Trustees Forward, Gerlach, Sacré and Stanley were all in attendance, Trustee Skinner was away due to illness, Trustees Higgins was away on personal business and Trustee Stratton was away due to a family matter. Representatives of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), North Vancouver Administrators (NoVA), North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa), Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE Local 389), members from the public, and School District Staff attended the meeting.

**Call to Order:**

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

**Moving from the Thinking Classroom to Instructional Rounds**

Monty Bell, Director of Instruction, along with School District staff presented on the benefits of Moving from the Thinking Classroom to Instructional Rounds. Instructional Rounds is a valuable tool that can be used to provide the opportunity for teachers to work together in a collaborative way to develop a learning stance to improve best practices in education.

The Instructional Rounds process is a personal journey which teachers share in collaboration with each other. The School District will be able to measure success by using the Family of School (FOS) model to examine the collaborating and communication that is occurring within schools and between schools through the development of a culture of professional sharing.

**EA Mentorship**

The North Vancouver School District recognizes the role and contributions that Education Assistants (EAs) offer to the educational experience and success of our students. It is because of these contributions that the School District has the opportunity to introduce a Mentorship program to provide skill development and build capacity within these key positions.

Xenia O'Brien, Human Resources Manager shared the vision and benefits of the Mentorship Program, noting that mentorship has been proven to support recruitment and retention, enhance employee engagement and provide professional development opportunities.

**Celebrating & Supporting Complex Learners: Seven Core Components**

Vince White, District Principal, provided an update on the North Vancouver School District's ongoing efforts to celebrate and support our complex learners. Dr. White, along with School District staff discussed seven core components that are part of an overarching and integrated structure designed to enhance student learning. Introduction to an online platform to support complex learners was performed.

Concluding the evening, Standing Committee Chair Forward thanked all of those who attended.

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

**Next Meeting:**

November 8, 2016