

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

### **NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

#### **Meeting Summary of September 13, 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, September 13, 2016.

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

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

#### **Capital Planning**

One of the core functions of the Ministry of Education is to allocate funds for the K-12 public education system. These funds include capital funding for school construction and operating funding for ongoing renovations and upgrading required to maintain the condition of existing capital assets.

Jim Mackenzie, Director of Facilities and Planning and Michael Chapman, Assistant Director of Facilities and Planning provided an update on the Capital Plan Instructions, Long Range Facilities Plan, 2017/18 Capital Plan Proposed Priorities, outcome of prior Capital Plan Submission and project updates. The Capital Plan will be presented to the Board for approval at its public meeting of September 20, 2016, after which will be provided to the Ministry of Education by the submission deadline of September 30, 2016.

#### **French Immersion**

In January 2016 the North Vancouver School District began a review of the French Immersion Program. The key mandate for this review was to enhance the School District's French Immersion program K-12 by reviewing accessibility and programming options. Currently, the District French Immersion Review Committee is focused on exploring options for increasing flexibility and choice in French Immersion programming at the secondary level.

Dr. Joanne Robertson, Director of Instruction along with the District French Immersion Review Committee members outlined the process and timeline for the review and shared results of the online survey conducted via email to assess program satisfaction. Proposed Secondary changes were discussed and examples were provided after which a fulsome round table discussion took place with attendees. Dr. Joanne Robertson noted that the committee proposals would be presented to the Board of Education at the October 18, 2016 Public Board Meeting.

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

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

#### **Next Meeting:**

October 11, 2016