

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, March 8, 2016.

PRESENT: C. Sacré, Chair
F. Stratton, Vice Chair
B. Forward
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
S. Skinner
J. Stanley

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 by the Chair.

Pink Shirt Day, International Women's Day and World Autism Day were acknowledged. Chair Sacré announced and congratulated Assistant Superintendent Mark Pearmain as the successful candidate for the Superintendent of Schools.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by S. Skinner

that the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be adopted.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

A.3. Public Comment Period

The ten minute comment period is intended to be restricted to items on the evening's Board Agenda. 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 February 16, 2016 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by F. Stratton

Carried

A.5. Presentation – District Student Leadership Council Update

The District Student Leadership Council (DSLCC) is comprised of students from across the North Vancouver School District who come together to provide a student voice in education. DSLCC representatives Kayleigh Doon-Adams and David Wilson provided an update on what the committee has been discussing and formally invited the Board of Education to attend their annual District Wide Student Forum on April 6, 2016.

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

**B.1. School Act – Terms and Definitions – Parents’ Advisory Council
Policy 102; Policy 201; Policy 305; Policy 401; Policy 413; Policy 610; Policy 707**

Superintendent of Schools John Lewis shared that due to a change in the *School Act*, any and all references formerly known as Parent Advisory Council(s) be amended to Parents’ Advisory Council(s). The following policies were included:

- Policy 102: Board of Education – Committees and Representation
- Policy 201: Learning Resources for Classroom Use
- Policy 305: Health Promotion in Schools
- Policy 401: Board-Community Relations
- Policy 413: Corporate Sponsorships, Partnerships and Advertising in Schools
- Policy 610: Closure of Schools (Permanent)
- Policy 707: School Trust Funds.

Moved by F. Stratton

that the Board approve the change in terminology from ‘Parent Advisory Council(s)’ to ‘Parents’ Advisory Council(s)’ in Board policies and bylaws.

Seconded by B. Forward

Carried

B.2. Proposed Revised Policy 301: Student Safety and Welfare

Superintendent John Lewis introduced this agenda item, advising that *Policy 301: Student Safety* has been expanded to include a heightened emphasis on student welfare, becoming *Policy 301: Student Safety and Welfare*.

Moved by J. Stanley

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed Revised Policy 301: Student Safety and Welfare*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of March 8, 2016.

Seconded by S. Skinner

Carried

B.3. Proposed Revised Policy 306: Suspected Child Abuse

In introducing this agenda item, Superintendent John Lewis shared that the Working Group responsible for reviewing *Policy 306: Suspected Child Abuse* has requested that the Board give consideration in changing the order of text within the current document to provide greater emphasis on the duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect when there is a reason to believe that a child has been or is likely to be at risk.

After a thorough discussion, Trustees decided that a greater emphasis should be placed on re-writing the language of the policy to be more protective of children. Superintendent Lewis noted that the policy requires engagement with multiple stakeholders, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Ministry of Children and Family Development. The School District will arrange for this work to proceed in consultation with partnering agencies and organizations at the earliest opportunity. Revised Policy and protocols would then be brought forward to the Policy Review Committee.

Moved by J. Stanley

that the motion be referred back to the Policy Review Committee.

Seconded by B. Forward

Defeated

The motion to refer was defeated.

Moved by J. Stanley

that the Board of Education approve interim changes to *Proposed Revised Policy 306: Suspected Child Abuse*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of March 8, 2016, and request significant and prompt revision to address language concerns.

Seconded by S. Skinner

Carried

B.4. Proposed New Policy 307: Emergency Management and Response for Schools

Superintendent John Lewis introduced this agenda item, addressing the significant focus of the School District to develop emergency management procedures.

Moved by B. Forward

that the Board of Education approve *Proposed New Policy 307: Emergency Management and Response for Schools*, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of March 8, 2016.

Seconded by C. Gerlach

Carried

C.1. Amended 2016/17 School District Calendars

Superintendent John Lewis invited Assistant Superintendent Mark Pearmain to the table to present the amended 2016/17 calendar to the Board. At the January 21, 2016 Public Board Meeting, Assistant Superintendent Pearmain shared that a period of public comment was necessary to provide for consultation with parents and employees prior to finalizing the amendment. The School District received 28 comments on the non-instructional day for the 2016/17 school year. Assistant Superintendent Pearmain highlighted the comments and shared an update on the development of the 2017/18 School Calendar.

C.2. Land, Learning & Livability Community Engagement – Update

John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools, introduced this agenda item and provided a brief update on the Argyle replacement project, correspondence with the Ministry of Education and consultations with the City of North Vancouver. Included in Superintendent Lewis' highlights were updates on the Argyle Full Replacement Project and the Handsworth Seismic Upgrade Project.

C.3. 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:

- Carson Graham Secondary School – field trip to Seattle, WA, USA (April 7-9, 2016)

C.4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lewis noted that the following items are included in the Superintendent's Blog (<http://blog44.ca/superintendent>):

- Blueridge Choir Performs for School District Staff
- 'Baby' Chicks at Cove Cliff
- Pink Shirt - Anti-Bullying Awareness Day – February 24, 2016
- District Lockdown Drill Day – February 25, 2016
- Lynnmour Elementary Random Acts of Kindness Class Acts: A Celebration of Education in the North Vancouver School District
- International Women's Day

C.5. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Gerlach reported on the BCSTA Provincial Council, which took place in February, sharing that the main topic of discussion was the 2016/17 Draft Budget. Trustee Gerlach also noted that a letter was received from the North Vancouver Administrators' Association (NoVA), referencing a motion that is slated to be discussed and voted on at the upcoming BCSTA AGM in April.

C.6. Trustees’ Reports

Trustees submitted their reports on their activities on behalf of the Board as follows:

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - Trustee Seminar
 - New School Design Workshop
 - Sustainability Development Workshop
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - Kindergarten Meeting – Special Needs
 - ICT Meeting
 - BCSTA Aboriginal Education Committee Meeting
 - North Vancouver Aboriginal Education Advisory Council Meeting
 - Metro Branch Meeting

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Superintendent Interviews
 - 25 Year Employee Recognition
 - AFK Print Launch – Kenojjuak Ashevak
 - Canyon Heights Elementary Math and Drama with Amber Chorney-Wilson
 - Seycove Secondary – QSA Assembly
 - Pink Shirt Day – Queensbury Elementary School
 - World Autism Day

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:00 pm	Standing Committee Public Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale 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.

Carolyn Pena, President of the North Vancouver Teachers’ Association (NVTAs), addressed the Board regarding changes to the roles of elementary school councillor’s. Ms. Pena asked the Board to support meaningful consultation with Partner Groups, particularly allowing for sufficient time to engage and consult with members.

Karen Nordquist, resident of North Vancouver, addressed the Board of Education surrounding the Board’s policies. Ms. Nordquist emphasised the importance of parent consultation.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:57 pm and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by G. Allison

Georgia Allison
Secretary Treasurer

April 19, 2016

Date

Original signed by C. Sacré

Christie Sacré
Chair, Board of Education

April 19, 2016

Date