

BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Summary of September 22, 2015

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 22, 2015.

Meeting Attendance:

Trustees, representatives of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (NVPAC), North Vancouver Administrators (NoVA), North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa), the public, and members of District Staff attended the meeting.

Call to Order:

Standing Committee Chair Christie Sacré called the Standing Committee to order at 7:00 pm.

Ministry Directions – Education Transformation:

Assistant Superintendent Mark Pearmain introduced Joanne Robertson, Director of Instruction, and Kathleen Barter, District Vice-Principal, and shared that the evening would highlight the Ministry of Education's initiatives in the areas of curriculum and assessment.

Mr. Pearmain reported on the 2015-2018 plan, noting that this framework has been a collaborative effort with many groups contributing to the themes and guiding principles for BC's new curriculum. The five guiding principles include: personalizing learning, tapping into students interests to help them learn; core competencies, balanced with a solid foundation; real-life situations, applying to students learning; skills, gaining skills to enter post-secondary and the workforce; and the ability to be prepared to compete in a global economy.

Ms. Robertson continued, speaking to the conceptual and pedagogical transformation of the curriculum and the 'new lens' that will guide teaching and learning. BC's new curriculum focuses on inquiry based learning, specifically, allowing an active, open-minded exploration guided by critical questions and enabling students to make connections between disciplines.

The North Vancouver School District has been invested in the notion of assessment, core competencies and new curriculum for many years. Ms. Barter spoke to the importance of Curriculum Implementation Days (CI Days), an annual day for staff in the District to assemble and discuss the revised curricular drafts coming from the Ministry. CI Days provide a platform to deconstruct the new initiatives, examine key areas of focus such as Aboriginal world views and cross curricular core competencies, and create an action plan going forward.

Concluding the evening, Assistant Superintendent Pearmain expressed the importance of focusing on the students in order to create collaborative environments to explore and welcome BC's new curriculum.

The presentation can be found online: [Meetings & Minutes 2015/16](#)

BC's new curriculum can be found on the Ministry of Education's website: [Building Student Success](#)

Next Meeting:

October 13, 2015

Mountain View Room

Topics: Aboriginal Education Enhancement – Indigenizing the Curriculum
North Vancouver School District Capital Plan – 2015