

BOARD OF EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Meeting Summary of February 2, 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, February 2, 2016.

Meeting Attendance:

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

Call to Order:

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

Engagement Evening: Enhancing Student Learning

Facilitation Consultant Dorli Duffy explained how the evening would progress through meeting objectives, to gain knowledge, wisdom and perspectives on the *Enhancing Student Learning Framework*. Facilitator Duffy shared that the interactive process would start with an understanding of the provincial context and then funnel down to a local context.

Facilitator Duffy introduced Dean Goodman, Director for Accountability from the Ministry of Education, to provide background on how the *Framework* has developed and changed over time at a provincial level. Initially, the *Framework* was report and compliance driven which was too narrowly focused. A more collaborative approach has evolved, building on past practice, allowing a more meaningful and relevant *Framework* for school districts and education partners to implement. Mr. Goodman spoke to the notion of, "the educated citizen", emphasizing a thoughtful individual, able to learn and to think critically, able to contribute to society and communicate information from a broad knowledge base. The evolution of the *Framework* creates a system-wide focus on student learning, bringing consistency to support students and continuing to build public confidence in BC's education system.

Following Mr. Goodman's presentation, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Ryan, spoke on behalf of the design team to situate our local context. Dr. Ryan touched on three key points with regards to teaching and learning; 1) the school planning process, 2) diversity at the classroom level, and 3) the work of educators (e.g., Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment, and Social Emotional Learning).

The evening proceeded into an interactive interview matrix, focusing on the following questions:

1. Vision – When I envision success for each student in the District, success looks like...
2. Values – What is important to you about how partners work together to enhance student learning in the North Vancouver School District?
3. Shared Understanding – From your perspective, in what ways are teaching and learning different than when you were a student? What advice would you give to help "us" build a greater shared understanding of today's teaching and learning environment and practice?
4. Strengths and Priorities – What is the North Vancouver School District doing well when it comes to supporting student learning? Going forward, what are the priorities for enhancing and communicating student learning in the School District?

After the individual interview matrix was completed, the group summarized and shared key findings. The North Vancouver School District will collate the rich harvest of ideas and continue the shared and meaningful discussion around *Enhancing Student Learning Framework*.

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Concluding the evening, Standing Committee Chair Stratton thanked all of those who participated in coming together to share in the engaging evening, creating new knowledge, wisdom and perspectives on the *Framework*.

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

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February 9, 2016
Mountain View Room
Topics: Distributed Learning & Building the Budget