

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, June 21, 2022.

PRESENT: K. Mann, Chair
L. Munro, Vice Chair
C. Gerlach
M. Higgins
C. Sacré (teleconference)
M. Tasi Baker
G. Tsiakos

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Kulvir Mann called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

Moved by K. Mann

WHEREAS Section 67 of the *School Act* permits Trustees to participate in or attend a meeting of the Board by telephone or other means of communication if all Trustees and other persons participating in or attending the meeting are able to communicate with each other;

the Board hereby approves the participation by Trustee Sacré in the June 21, 2022 Public Meeting by Microsoft Teams.

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

A.1. Acknowledgments

Chair Mann began by officially welcoming Superintendent Pius Ryan to his first public board meeting. Special recognition was provided to the graduating class of 2022. Chair Mann highlighted significant dates in June that reflect the diversity of the North Vancouver School District community.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by G. Tsiakos

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

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public meeting of May 24, 2022, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by M. Higgins

Carried

A.4. Public Question/Comment Period

The twenty minute comment period is intended to be relevant to the Board's mandate.

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.5. Stakeholder Comment Period

As per the motion passed on May 26, 2020, the Board of Education provided a twenty minute stakeholder comment period to allow stakeholders to speak to items on the Board of Education Agenda.

There was no one wishing to speak.

A.6. Early Literacy Framework Presentation

Chanin Smyth, District Principal of Curriculum and Assessment – Elementary, and Early Learning Teacher Facilitators, Sarah Dawson and Debbie Dudley, provided an overview on early learning in the North Vancouver School District. Key initiatives in the 2021/22 school year were highlighted, including the successful implementation of Early Literacy Assessment for all Kindergarten classes and collaborative networks for teachers to connect and learn from one another. Looking forward to next year, priorities include the Early Literacy Assessment in English Grades 1-3 and French Immersion Kindergarten, continuing the collaborative teacher networks and supporting self-assessment with all primary teachers to ensure data is collected for School District planning.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

A.7. Community Delegation: Scholarship Presentation

Chair Mann welcomed Clint Morrison, to share information on the scholarships he has funded for students in the North Vancouver School District with neurodevelopmental disabilities. Mr. Morrison was joined by Ms. Lorna Fortin, principal of Vancouver Waldorf School, to support the presentation.

B.1. Anti-Racism Steering Committee Report/Update

Student Co-Chairs Mabel (Tesaxlewet) Nahanee and Jessica Day, with Siyameythal-Rose Greene, District Principal of Indigenous Education and Equity in Education, presented a final report with recommendations from the Anti-Racism Steering Committee to the Board of Education.

Ms. Greene provided the context for the Equity-Diversity-Inclusion audit in 2021 and the review of school district policies completed by Bakau, which resulted in the report recommendations and guidelines for policy development. The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

Chair Mann thanked the group for their work on the Anti-Racism Steering Committee.

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education accept the report from the Anti-Racism Steering Committee; and,

that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent or designate to create an implementation plan (multi-year) and update the Board in December 2022.

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

B.2. Five-Year Capital Plan 2023/24 (for Approval)

Secretary Treasurer Jacqui Stewart noted the annual requirement to submit the Five-Year Capital Plan in a format prescribed by the Ministry. The foundation for the Plan is the Long Range Facilities Plan, which considers student enrollment, demographic changes, residential developments, conditions of schools and the capacity to accommodate enrollment.

Jim Mackenzie, Director of Facilities and Planning, and Michael Chapman, Assistant Director, began provided an overview of the projects included on the plan and responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by M. Tasi Baker

that the Board approve the proposed 2023/24 Five-Year Capital Plan as presented in Schedule B.2. of June 21, 2022.

Seconded by L. Munro

Carried

B.3. 2022 Municipal Election Bylaw

Secretary Treasurer Stewart provided an overview of the 2022 General Local Election and proposed municipal election bylaw. Under the *School Act* and the *Local Government Act*, boards of education may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of trustee elections.

The 2022 Municipal Election Bylaw provides a process on how to resolve a tie vote. If there is a tie, the results will be determined by lot in accordance with section 151 of the *Local Government Act*. Secretary Treasurer Stewart also shared that the School District is working on municipal agreements with the City and District of North Vancouver that affirm operational details regarding the election.

Trustees discussed the procedures should the results of the election be a tie as to avoid holding a runoff election and agreed that the results should be determined by lot.

Moved by L. Munro

that the 2022 Municipal Election Bylaw No. 2022 be read a first time;

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Moved by M. Higgins

that the 2022 Municipal Election Bylaw No. 2022 be read a second time;

Seconded by M. Tasi Baker

Carried

The Board unanimously agreed to proceed to a third reading of the bylaw.

Moved by C. Gerlach

that the 2022 Municipal Election Bylaw No. 2022 be read a third time, passed and adopted.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

C.1. Ableism Policy Update

Superintendent Ryan provided an update on the approach that has started on development of the Ableism Policy. Three interdependent pieces of this work includes the legal framework, professional development and the new supporting policy.

The school district has engaged legal counsel to support the Board of Education and the Ableism Policy Sub-Committee. The professional development, will be informed by the work of the Sub-Committee which would include training at universal, targeted, and intensive levels. The policy development, will start in the fall of 2022 with co-chairs Janis Mann, District Principal of Inclusive Education and Dr. Vince White, Director of Instruction. Given the importance and scope of the policy, it is anticipated that this work will take up to 18 months.

Further information was provided, including the timeline to prepare cost estimates for a scan and update of all policies, through the lens of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) as well as anti-racism.

Responding to Trustees' questions, Superintendent Ryan clarified the importance of representation of individuals with a disability or lived experience on the sub-committee, ensured that professional development would include topics on unconscious bias, and shared that the terms of reference would be created with a variety of voices which represent the diversity of the North Vancouver School District.

C.2. Public Board Meeting Structure Update

The North Vancouver Board of Education, with support from the Superintendent, undertook a review of its administrative procedures for Public Board meetings to establish best practices, increase efficiency, and focus the work of the Board.

Superintendent Ryan highlighted changes including opportunities for questions and comments to be emailed or phoned in at the beginning of the meeting, a focused presentation on educational initiatives and written committee reports included in the Board Agenda Package for information.

After discussing the new structure, the Board of Education agreed to pilot proposed changes and review in January 2023.

C.3. Committee Reports - Written Update

- 1. Inclusion Committee**
- 2. Occupational Health and Safety Committee**

Written reports on the Inclusion Committee and Occupational Health and Safety Committee were included in the Board Agenda Package for information.

C.4. Land Management - Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Agenda Package for information.

C.5. Superintendent's Report (including COVID-19)

Providing his first update to the Board of Education, Superintendent Ryan started by recognizing the extraordinary amount of celebration that is taking place in June. Events such as student performances, naming ceremonies, awards ceremonies and graduation ceremonies provide a real opportunity to celebrate students and the community. Superintendent Ryan shared his gratitude to all staff members and partner groups, who went above and beyond to ensure students were able to attend school. Special thanks was provided to the Board of Education for the time and dedication they put forward this year.

Concluding the update, a video was presented, showcasing the vibrant community of the North Vancouver School District.

C.6. Report Out - BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA)

Trustee Mary Tasi Baker thanked the Board of Education and staff for assisting with the motion, Attributes of a BC Graduate, which was passed at the BCSTA AGM.

Trustee Sacré shared that CUPE Local was in the process of bargaining.

Motion to Extend

Moved by unanimous consent
to extend the meeting past 9:30 p.m.

C.7. Trustees' Reports/Highlights

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

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - In Camera Meetings

C.7. Trustees' Reports/Highlights (continued)

- Trustee Seminar Meetings
 - Meeting with Host Nations
 - Argyle Cabaret Committee Meeting
 - Sustainability Committee Meeting
 - Policy Review Committee Meeting
 - Communications Committee Meeting
 - Integrated Transportation Committee Meeting
 - Board Chairs Meeting with BCSTA
 - CNV4ME Action Team Meeting
 - NS Food Collaborative Committee Meeting
- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - NVSD Celebration for National Indigenous People's Day Ceremony
 - NVSD Graduation Ceremonies
 - NVSD Staff Retirement Dinner
 - Drumming Ceremony for National Indigenous People's Day Ceremony
 - Swangard Elementary Track Meet
 - Sutherland Secondary Student Recognition Gala
 - Upper Lynn Elementary Volunteer Appreciation Event
 - Norgate Elementary School – New Logo Celebration
 - Seycove Secondary School – Indigenous Naming Ceremony
 - Queen Mary Elementary Playground Opening Celebration
 - Ross Road Elementary – First Annual Rainbow Parade
 - Seycove Secondary School – School Wide Celebration of new place based name for National Indigenous People's Day at Cates Park
 - Seymour Heights Elementary Night of the Notables
 - Argyle Secondary – Jazz Band & Choir Cabaret Event
 - Celebrating School Food: A Networking Gathering for the Carson Graham FOS at Norgate Elementary School
 - Physical Literacy Mentorship Project Wrap Up Event
 - Teen Community Art Exhibit at Museum of North Vancouver
 - Various School Visits
 - Event: Talking about Inclusion, Anti-Racism & Diversity with Chris Lewis
 - North Shore Neighborhood Community Awards Event
 - Tour de Coast – 24 hour Relay Event at Park Royal
 - Indigenous Resources for Educators and Learners Workshop
 - Ceremony: celebrate refurbishment to St. Paul's Residential School Memorial

Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee 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.

There was no one wishing to speak.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original Signed by J. Stewart

Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

September 20, 2022

Date

Original signed by K. Mann

Kulvir Mann
Chair, Board of Education

September 22, 2022

Date