

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, December 17, 2024.

PRESENT: L. Munro, Chair
A. Wilson, Vice Chair
D. Anderson
C. Gerlach
K. Mann
G. Tsiakos
L. Tumaneng

A. Call to Order

Board Chair Linda Munro called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A.1. Acknowledgments

Board Chair Munro acknowledged the traditional territorial lands of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) Nation.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Board Chair Munro advised that the proposed draft of Administrative Procedures to introduce term limits in Policy 101, which was expected to be reviewed at this meeting, will be brought forward at a future meeting for approval.

Moved by G. Tsiakos

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

Seconded by L. Tumaneng

Carried

A.3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by K. Mann

that the minutes of the public board meeting of November 19, 2024, be approved as circulated.

Seconded by A. Wilson

Carried

A.4. Public Question/Comment Period

There were no public questions or comments received by the Board.

A.5. Educational Presentation: Artificial Intelligence and Critical Thinking

Dr. Pius Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Suzette Dohm, Director of Instruction, Dean Yeo, Principal, Larson Elementary School, Brigitte Gerandol, Principal, Blueridge Elementary School and Simon Worley, Helping Teacher, to provide an overview of the initiatives that are underway in the school district and shared how the North Vancouver School District is supporting students, families and staff to navigate Artificial Intelligence and Critical Thinking.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

B.1. Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent provided opening comments and welcomed Adam Baumann, Assistant Superintendent to present the Board/Authority Authorized Courses recommended to the Board of Education for approval.

Staff responded to Trustees' questions.

Moved by C. Gerlach

That the Teaching Assistant 12 Board/Authority Authorized course be separated from the Board/Authority Authorized course package and deferred for further consideration.

Seconded by G. Tsiakos

Carried

Moved by K. Mann

that the Board of Education, according to its power and capacity in Section 85(2)(i) of the *School Act* and in harmony with the course standards established by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, hereby approves the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses for submission to the Ministry, as attached to this Administrative Memorandum of December 17, 2024, with the exception of Teaching Assistant 12.

Seconded by D. Anderson

Carried

Moved by A. Wilson

That the Teaching Assistant 12 Board/Authority Authorized course be deferred for further revision and brought to the January 2025 Public Board Meeting for approval.

Seconded by K. Mann

Carried

C.1. Artists for Kids Annual Report

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent, welcomed Allison Kerr, Director of the Artists for Kids and District Principal of Fine Arts, and Daylen Luchsinger, Vice Principal of Arts Education to present the Artists for Kids 2023/24 Annual Report.

The presenters responded to Trustees' questions.

C.2. Secondary School and Academy Fees

Superintendent Dr. Ryan introduced Assistant Superintendent Adam Baumann, who presented the Secondary School and Academy Fees for the 2025/26 School Year.

Assistant Superintendent Baumann responded to Trustees' questions.

C.3. School Calendar Update – 2025/26

Board Chair Munro welcomed Assistant Superintendent Baumann to provide an update regarding the school calendar for the 2025/26 school year.

Assistant Superintendent Baumann responded to Trustees' questions.

C.4. Notice of Motion: Motions for the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting

Board Chair Munro provided opening comments about the BCSTA and Board of Education requirements for Notice of Motions and advised that two Notice of Motions are being presented for information only. Both motions will be considered at the January Public Board meeting for decision.

Board Chair Munro introduced Trustee Gerlach to speak to the extraordinary Notice of Motion on Accessibility Funding. Trustee Gerlach reminded Trustees that this motion was brought forward last year, but was not passed, and is being reintroduced this year.

Motion 1: that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the substantive motion relating to new funding to support school districts in addressing both physical and non-physical barriers in accessibility, as attached to this memorandum of December 17, 2024.

Board Chair Munro invited Trustee Anderson to speak to the second Notice of Motion concerning the foundational mission and values for the BCSTA.

Motion 2: that the North Vancouver Board of Education approve the extraordinary motion to amend the wording of the Foundational Statement Mission and Foundational Statement Values as attached to this memorandum of December 17, 2024.

C.5. Notice of Motion: Strategic Plan

Board Chair Munro introduced Trustee Anderson to speak to the Notice of Motion. Trustee Anderson spoke to the current cycle and the benefits of moving to a four-year cycle.

Motion: Be it resolved that the North Vancouver School District transition to a four-year strategic planning cycle, commencing in January 2028.

The notice of motion will be considered at the January Public Board meeting for decision.

C.6. Committee Reports – Written Update

Written updates on the Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Policy Review Committee and the Safe & Healthy Schools Committee were included in the Board Package, staff responded to Trustees' questions.

A short break was observed

C.7. Land Management – Written Update

A written update on current land management projects was included in the Board Package. Staff responded to Trustee's questions.

C.8. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ryan, Superintendent provided an update to Trustees on events, initiatives, and programming across the school district.

No questions were asked.

C.9. Report Out – British Columbia School Trustees Association and BC Public School Employers' Association

Trustee Anderson did not have any updates regarding the BC School Trustees Association.

Trustee Gerlach did not have any updates regarding the BC Public School Employers' Association.

C.10. Trustees' Reports/Highlights

Trustees shared their recent highlights, for activities from November 20 to December 17, 2024, with an emphasis on their roles as school liaisons.

- Meetings attended by Trustees included:
 - Public Board Meeting
 - Trustee Seminars
 - BCSTA Trustee Academy
 - Dinner Meeting with Mayor and Council of the District of North Vancouver
 - North Shore Standing Committee on Substance Use
 - Sustainability Committee Meeting
 - Screening and Selection of Vice Principals meetings

- Events attended by Trustees included:
 - Curriculum Implementation Day
 - Digital Media Academy Open House
 - Christmas Tree Lightings in Edgemont Village
 - Parent Advisory Council meetings at Lynnmour Elementary and Windsor Secondary
 - Various school visits or events at Braemar Elementary, Blueridge Elementary, Boundary Elementary, Canyon Heights Elementary, Carson Graham Secondary, Cleveland Elementary, Cove Cliff Elementary, Highlands Elementary, Larson Elementary, Lynnmour Elementary, Mountainside Secondary, Norgate Elementary, Ross Road Elementary, Seymour Heights Elementary, Upper Lynn Elementary and Windsor Secondary Schools

D. Future Meetings

Date and Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.	Standing Committee Meeting – Budget Development	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver
Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.	Public Board Meeting	Education Services Centre 2121 Lonsdale Avenue North Vancouver

E. Public Question/Comment Period

Board Chair Munro 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.

No questions or comments were brought forward.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, Board Chair Munro adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. and thanked those who attended.

Certified Correct:

Original signed by J. Stewart
Jacqui Stewart
Secretary Treasurer

Original signed by L. Munro
Linda Munro
Chair, Board of Education

January 21, 2025
Date

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