



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00pm

West Vancouver School Board Office

Present: C. Broady, Chair; D. Stevenson, Vice Chair; N. Brown, S. Donahue, P. Dorsman, Trustees; C. Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools; D. Eberwein, Deputy Superintendent of Schools; J. Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer; S. Nosek, Director of Instruction; L. Tomlinson, Director of Instruction; D. Nelson, Director of Instruction

Absent: K. Martin, Director of Human Resources; W. Hickey, Director of Facilities; B. Pausche, Manager of Communications

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Broady called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are on the traditional lands of the Squamish Nation and said we appreciate the cooperation of the Nation in our efforts to strengthen our relationship and move education forward together.

Chair Broady noted that this had been a difficult time for staff and students in the district, with the loss of two well-loved staff members in the last six weeks. On behalf of the board, she extended condolences to the families and friends of Linda Harrison and Sarah Doherty and said everyone's thoughts are with them during this time.

Trustee Dorsman highlighted the upcoming parent evening with Dr. Yong Zhao. This DPAC-sponsored event will be held on May 10 at the Kay Meek Theatre and Trustee Dorsman encouraged everyone to attend what he said would be a fun and instructive evening with a great speaker.

B. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

"21st Century Learning at Ridgeview" – Ridgeview Elementary

Principal Val Brady, Vice Principal Nathan Blackburn, students Jacoba C. and Ryan K.

Principal Brady introduced Vice Principal Blackburn and students Ryan and Jacoba. The Vice Principal then began by saying that while the "Three Rs" are still important, they are no longer sufficient in the 21st century. Ridgeview has developed a series of learner profiles around the competencies that 21st century learners need, using visuals and language that students can

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easily embrace. The profiles were reviewed and explained, with an emphasis on the importance of problem solving and being a responsible global citizen. Mr. Blackburn said that many of these profiles overlap and that both Ryan and Jacoba exemplify balanced learners.

Ryan spoke of his trip to Korea at spring break and his visit to the DMZ, demonstrating his skill as an explorer. As a global citizen, Jacoba explained that she created a holiday to celebrate animals and nature. Called Wabamanadoo, she designed costumes and wrote music associated with the day. When she presented to classmates, they reportedly believed that they were learning about an established holiday, not one she had made up.

Mr. Blackburn concluded by saying that Ridgeview students seem to have embraced the learner profiles and that he hopes they continue to inspire curiosity and engagement.

“From Rethinking to Reforming Learning Spaces” – Irwin Park Elementary

Principal Liz Hill, Vice Principal Jody Billingsley, teachers Robyn Evans, Duncan Knight, Rebecca Vincent, and Salimah Fidai

Principal Hill introduced the entire rethinking learning spaces team, who spoke of the increased connection of students to their learning environments during the five-year transition from traditional classroom set-up to learning spaces. Teachers said they have seen the impact changing a classroom has on students and learning and that they realize now that modernization is not just about technology – it’s also about space, physical environment and self-regulation. Vice Principal Billingsley said that through innovation grants and generous donations from the Irwin Park PAC, the school has reached critical mass and they have a shared vision and are speaking a common language. The mindset shift is now part of school culture: a realization of the dynamic impact of space; using less for more; and making spaces flexible to allow for different learning styles and needs. The resulting sense of calm is stimulating learning and the library, LSP and ELL rooms are now included in the shift. It has been such an affecting change, that teachers are now connecting with colleagues at other schools about learning spaces. Clips were shown with both teachers and students speaking about the positive impact of reformed learning spaces, with students saying that they feel happy, more organized and they believe the changes make them better as a class. Mr. Billingsley concluded by saying that the evolution of learning environments needs to be responsive, reflective and thoughtful. We need to listen to students, let them show us what they need, and meet them where they are.

Chair Broady thanked them for the presentation and encouraged everyone to visit Irwin Park to see what she called a fascinating change.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#1213	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting April 19, 2016 be adopted.
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Carried.

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

No questions or comments from the gallery.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting February 16, 2016

#1214	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 16, 2016 be approved.	<u>Carried.</u>
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- General Record April 19, 2016

#1215	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the General Record April 19, 2016 be approved.	<u>Carried.</u>
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F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Broady asked for an update on projected enrollment for 2016-2017.

Superintendent Kennedy replied that figures have improved since our initial projection in February. The initial estimate was a decrease in 107 FTE, but that number is now a decrease of 28 FTE. International numbers are down by design. Our enrollment is still down slightly over the current year, but is better than it was and may be at current levels by September.

The Chair then asked for an update on the academies for next school year.

Director of Instruction Nelson replied that there are a possible 10 academies running in the 2016-2017 school year. The dance academy needs increased enrollment. The new format hockey academy has now also been launched. It is now a team which will be part of the Canadian Hockey Sports School League. Tryouts will be held May 7 and 8 for the first wave teams – Elite U16 Boys and Varsity U18 Boys. We are a bit late recruiting, as approval was not received until just before Spring Break, but it is an exciting move and is sure to grow.

Chair Broady then asked for an update on the number of classes over 30 in the district, based on Mr. Millard's question from the February board meeting.

The Superintendent replied that the only classes over 30 in West Vancouver are those exempt from the compensation guidelines and outside of the legislation that we refer to when we talk about classes over 30 – i.e. choir, band, music.

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. English Language Learners – District Update

Maria Yioldassis, ELL Coordinator

District ELL Coordinator Maria Yioldassis introduced herself, saying she has been teaching for 24 years, 21 of those in West Vancouver Schools, and is new to the ELL Coordinator role this school year. She reported that our ELL numbers continue to grow, with 1046 students receiving ELL funding as of February 2016, up from 926 in February 2015, and 844 in February 2014. Those numbers continue to be highest in elementary schools in the eastern part of the district.

Ms. Yioldassis then reviewed the delivery model for ELL support in elementary schools and explained the coordinated approach between ELL specialists and classroom teachers, who essentially build a co-teaching model. At the secondary level, there is a collaborative model, with teachers who have Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) training providing in-class support in language-adapted courses to increase student achievement.

As a representative of West Vancouver Schools, Ms. Yioldassis is a member of three different committees outside the district: the UBC Assessment Consortium, looking at the best available assessment methods; Metro ELL, a close working group of ELL coordinators from across Metro; and the ELL Consortium, made up of metro coordinators, trustees and representatives from UBC and SFU. She thanked Trustee Brown for her work with the consortium, which advocates for ELL students with the Ministry.

Moving forward, the annual spring assessments will take place; work will continue re: resources and collaboration time; increased push-in/in-class work at elementary; teacher pro-d around the new curriculum; and continuing to align parent expectations with the realities of language acquisition.

Chair Broady noted that there was a motion passed at the BCSTA AGM requesting the creation of a dedicated ELL staff member position with the Ministry, to support curriculum implementation and instruction, leading to improved success for ELL learners. She also thanked Ms. Yioldassis and district ELL teachers for what she called the incredible amount of work they do and for their work on the audit.

2. Career Education Opportunities

Kim Adams, Career Advisor - WVSS

Ms. Adams began by explaining that she is exposed to a large number of programs, but her role as career advisor means that she tries to focus on those opportunities that will best help our students in West Vancouver. The goal is to try to prepare students for life beyond our walls, by identifying what a student is capable of doing and figuring out how to support that. She then told the stories of two former students, Leah and Josh, who both discovered their passions and moved forward in those fields, getting high school credit, working and getting paid while still in secondary school. Ms. Adams highlighted the ACE-IT Carpentry / Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) combination program, noting that girls are registered for the first time this school year.

She then reviewed the MyBlueprint program, an online career exploration tool and post-secondary planner. Some of the program components were highlighted, including a compatibility survey, which shows possible suitable careers, where training in that field is available, admission requirements to such programs, and potential tuition costs.

Ms. Adams noted the value in such a tool is the ability to identify a student's strengths and focus on areas that lead to a higher purpose and, in turn, to success. She said that depending on the child, sometimes keeping all doors open is not the most effective course of action.

In the future, Ms. Adams said she is looking to create more engineering placements for students, as well as increased opportunities in the film industry, and additional trades like plumbing/pipefitting and electrical.

Chair Broady thanked Ms. Adams for helping our students with these opportunities and for her hard work during the enrollment audit last winter.

3. BCSTA AGM

Carolyn Broady, Board Chair

The Chair said that the BCSTA AGM was a successful weekend and that she was happy to report that the joint West Vancouver / North Vancouver School Boards' motion regarding post-secondary for children in care passed unanimously without discussion.

It was noted that there was a late motion to the floor from School District #5 (South East Kootenay) that the BSTA withdraw from the MOU with the Ministry, but that it was defeated. As well, Motion 22 regarding the Principals' and Vice Principals' proposed contractual framework was postponed indefinitely, as the majority of trustees did not know about it.

A general discussion of the weekend followed, with consensus being that despite politicking and heightened emotion, the discussions, compromise, and collaboration that occurred made it a very positive experience overall.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting – March 8, 2016

- Provincial Budget
- 2016/17 Enrollment Estimate
- 2016/17 Preliminary Budget Feedback
- Results of Tender for External Auditors
- Recommendation regarding Transportation Tender
- BCASBO Report on Administration Costs

Vice Chair Stevenson briefly reviewed the minutes of the meeting and then asked trustees to consider the recommendation regarding the transportation tender.

#1216	<u>MOTION</u> THAT First Student Canada be engaged as the provider of transportation services for School District 45 (West Vancouver) for a three-year period commencing with the 2016/17 school year.	<u>Carried.</u>
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#1217	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of March 8, 2016 be received.	<u>Carried.</u>
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2. Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting – April 12, 2016

- WVSS Track Project Update
- Routine Capital Grant – Project Status
- 2016/17 School Enhancement Fund
- 2016/17 Annual Facilities Grant
- 2016/17 Operating Grant

Vice Chair Stevenson passed the floor to the Secretary Treasurer who briefly reviewed the minutes of the meeting and details of the School Enhancement Fund and the Annual Facilities Grant. Chair Stevenson then put forward the corresponding motions.

#1218	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the 2016/17 School Enhancement Fund plan be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education.	<u>Carried.</u>
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#1219	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the 2016/17 Annual Facilities Grant expenditure plan be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Education.	<u>Carried.</u>
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Trustee Stevenson then read the by-law pertaining to the Annual Facilities Grant.

#1220	<p><u>MOTION</u> THAT the Board approve A BYLAW of the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.45 (WEST VANCOUVER) (hereinafter called the “Board”) to adopt a Capital Project of the Board pursuant to Sections 143 (2) and 144 (1) of the <i>School Act</i>, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the “Act”).</p> <p>WHEREAS in accordance with provisions of the <i>School Act</i> the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the “Minister”) has approved Capital Project No. 127084.</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE the Board agrees to the following:</p>
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- (a) upon approval to proceed, commence the Project and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete the Project substantially as directed by the Minister;
- (b) observe and comply with any rule, policy or regulation of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the Project; and,
- (c) maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the Project, as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board approved by the Minister and specifying a maximum expenditure of \$1,012,831 for Project No. 127084 is hereby adopted.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 45 (West Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No. 127084.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2016:

READ A SECOND TIME THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2016;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2016.

Carried.

The Secretary Treasurer then gave a brief update regarding the operating grant figures outlined in the April 12 F+F minutes. Since that meeting, there has been an improvement in the estimated FTE enrollment numbers. In February, a decrease of 107 FTE funded students was anticipated. Those figures have improved and we now expected a decrease of only 28 FTE. She reported that she will be building the preliminary 2016/17 annual budget based on the new numbers.

#1221 MOTION THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of April 12, 2016 be received.

Carried.

Chair Broady thanked the Secretary Treasurer and BCASBO for their advocacy of the Ministry fully-funding the negotiated salary lift and said trustees felt it was effective.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of the correspondence from the past month is posted online at
<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/board-correspondence>

J. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Trustee Brown noted that Whole Foods recently donated the proceeds of one of their Community Day events to the Ecole Pauline Johnson community park project. Held on April 7th, Whole Foods donated 5% of their sales, which resulted in the project receiving \$8000.

BCPSEA (Olympic Oval Event) BCPSEA Regional Meeting BCSTA AGM (April 14 – 17) BCSTA Metro Meeting BCSTA Provincial Council Finance and Facilities Committee meeting – March 8 Finance and Facilities Committee meeting – April 12 Governor General of Canada, David Johnston: An Address on Smart and Caring Communities Jeanne LeSage Farewell Reception - KMC North Shore Immigrant Settlement Strategic Plan Meeting	North Shore Sports Awards Presidents' Committee meeting School Traffic and Safety Committee Sentinel Capstone presentations Sentinel Secondary Multicultural Luncheon Sentinel's Production of the Wizard of Oz WV Board of Education Liaison Meeting with WV Mayor and Council West Vancouver DPAC meeting WV Chamber Breakfast with MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones WV Chamber "Mayor Mike, Unplugged" Reception WVSD Student Council Meeting
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K. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

Rob Inman – West Vancouver resident and coach

- Asked if the WVSS track project meant that a regulation-size soccer field would be created

The Secretary Treasurer confirmed that would be the case and Chair Broady noted that Garry Fawley had done a great deal of work to ensure that would be part of the project. As well, she said that Canadian National Women's Team goalkeeper Erin McLeod is the face of the campaign.

Rob Millard – President, WVTA

- Said teachers had another positive non-instructional day last Thursday, but that conversations are now shifting to the availability of resources around the new curriculum

- Noted that the BCTF had tried to tie the government to resources without success and asked if trustees or the superintendent had any insight or indication of movement on the issue

The Chair replied that there had been a unanimous motion by trustees for curriculum implementation to be fully funded. The Superintendent said he and his counterparts across the province are advocating that any such announcement needs to be made now for planning purposes. As well, the Chair noted that the Surrey School District had put forward a motion that provincial exams for Grades 10 and 11 be waived for the 2016-2017 school year and the motion was passed. This was to allow teachers and students to better explore the new curriculum without the pressure of provincial exams.

L. ADJOURNMENT

8:20pm

BOARD CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER