

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE**

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

Absent: 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 that we very much appreciate the support and guidance of our friends in the Nation.

The Chair also acknowledged the recent deaths of student Erin Moore and teacher Duane Trovato, and extended condolences to the families on behalf of the board.

B. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

“Zero Heroes” – Westcot Elementary

Principal David Langmuir and students Zoe M, Elizabeth O, Gabby T, Talia N, Talia O, Karissa K, Josh S, Radin A, and Maegan S.

Grade 2/3 students from Division 9 explained the milk carton recycling program that they started last fall. Students gave the board statistics about the number of milk cartons thrown away in Metro Vancouver and the positive results that are gained when cartons are kept out of the landfill. They explained the process that the milk carton team follows and reported that they have collected and recycled 2284 milk cartons since the beginning of the school year.

The board was then treated to a skit performance by the Zero Heroes, a group of Grade 7 leadership students who created the group, the costumes and the script as a means of promoting the ‘pack it in, pack it out’ initiative in response to the new organic waste ban. They have performed the skit for all the classes at Westcot in an effort to help fellow students understand the importance of making good choices.

The board and senior staff were presented with a 'pack it out' Ziploc bag each, complete with an explanation and instructions – the same type of bag that every Westcot student has received to make the transition away from garbage cans easier. With the help of SWIS workers, the instructions have also been translated into Korean, Farsi and Cantonese.

Principal Langmuir reported that there has been a behaviour change among students and cited the effectiveness of children leading change.

"Learning is Embedded in Memory, History and Story" – Hollyburn Elementary

Principal Tara Zielinski, Teachers L. Hartley, J. Muthanna, D. Gratton and C. Cantlie

Hollyburn staff spoke about their whole-school learning journey of delivering the new curriculum using the inquiry method, and guided by the understanding that much is to be learned from the collective knowledge of the First Peoples. Their inquiry is framed by the big idea "Learning is embedded in memory, history and story."

By emphasizing the importance of recognizing and respecting aboriginal culture in a transdisciplinary manner, community connections are made and strengthened. Teachers reported that by giving honour to aboriginal culture, the diverse student population not only has a collective consciousness, but also realizes the value in talking about culture, and the inquiry method allows them to frame their own questions and learning.

Staff spoke of each individual student and teacher developing their own sense of belonging and of the transformative role of the collective journey.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#1126	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting January 20, 2015 be adopted.	<u>Carried.</u>
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D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

Rob Millard, President – WVTA

- Thanked the board for setting a date for the liaison meeting with the WVTA and said they are looking forward to getting together on February 3

Chair Broady thanked Mr. Millard and said the board was also looking forward to the meeting.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting December 9, 2014

#1127	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 9, 2014 be approved.	<u>Carried.</u>
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#1128	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the General Record of the Special Meeting January 20, 2015 be approved.
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Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

No business arising at this time.

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent

Superintendent Kennedy presented the 2014-2015 Superintendents' Report on Student Achievement, stating that West Vancouver School District continues to be at or near the 100th percentile in terms of academic achievement, despite an increasingly diverse community.

Areas of improvement include: the increasing implementation of inquiry and self-regulation practices across the district and their positive effect on personalized learning; and the increased diversity of physical education options, both in elementary classes and in secondary course offerings. The work of Director of Instruction Diane Nelson regarding support for elementary PE teachers was highlighted.

The gender gap in achievement continues to be an area of concern, though the gap in West Vancouver School District is closer than the provincial average. Other challenges mentioned were the ability to provide relevant program offerings, so that all students are increasingly engaged in learning; and youth mental health, which is a community issue in which the school district has a role to play.

The Superintendent stated that the story in West Vancouver is richer than just being the top academic-achieving district in the province: it is about consistently looking for ways to improve; being curious about programming and engagement; and about preparing every student to be successful on their chosen path.

#1129	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement be received.
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Carried.

2. Properties Family Hub

Sandra-Lynn Shortall, District Principal

The District Principal of Early Learning presented the board with background information about the research and work with community partners that has resulted in the creation of the Properties Family Hub, a shared community space located on the grounds of Chartwell Elementary. Ten years of data from the Early Development Index (EDI) survey has now been

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gathered by the Human Early Learning Partnership at UBC. That research identified a need in the British Properties for parenting support and for literacy and community support for children. Programming is intended to support the best possible outcomes for children and their families.

The start of programming was initially delayed due to job action, but while the late start seemed to have an initial effect on attendance, numbers are growing. The responsive programming, intergenerational options and an enthusiastic group of parents building the community by word of mouth is resulting in positive feedback. For example, the new preschool started with only two children registered, yet was completely full within three weeks of opening.

The collective hard work of community partners, along with funding from various agencies and some financial support from the board in the form of rent-free use of the building at start-up, has allowed the programming to evolve and adapt. Along with the preschool and after school club, a newborn and baby program, adult yoga, family drop-in group and parental literacy support initiatives are all running on a low-cost or no-cost basis. There are plans in the near-future to reach out to seniors in the community.

The District Principal then fielded questions from trustees. The Chair suggested that the board should invite MP John Weston to visit the Hub.

3. BCSTA AGM Motions

Carolyn Broady, Board Chair

The Chair reported that the deadline for submission of motions is early February. There were no motions from the board at this time.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting – January 6, 2015

- Summer Camps 2015/16
- 2014/15 Playground Grant
- Donation of Financial Instruments
- 2014 SOFI Report
- WVSS Track Update
- AFG 2015/16 Planning Process
- Operating Grant Job Action Clawback
- 2014/15 Amended Revenue

The Chair reviewed the minutes and noted that Ecole Cedardale has been awarded one of the two available playground grants for the creation of a sports court. She then turned the floor to the Secretary Treasurer, who gave a general briefing about the amended revenue for 2014/15.

The Secretary Treasurer also provided an update regarding the job action clawback. The ministry has now confirmed that they will not be allowing any job action-related costs, which results in West Vancouver School District incurring approximately \$90,000 in costs.

#1130	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting of January 20, 2015 be received.
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Carried.

2. Human Resources Committee Meeting – January 13, 2015

- Introductions
- Emergency Preparedness
- Health and Safety / Wellness
- Dispatch / Absence Replacement
- Recruitment
- Training and Information Sessions

Trustee Dorsman reviewed the minutes and when asked, Director of Human Resources Kim Martin clarified that support staff will be moving to the automated dispatch system probably by the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

#1131	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting of January 13, 2015 be received.
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Carried.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of the correspondence from the past month is posted at www.sd45.bc.ca/board

J. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Chair Broady thanked Superintendent Kennedy and staff for a great opening day and said she thought the guest speaker, Josh Dueck, was outstanding.

ACCESS Pancake Breakfast Arts Centre Trust – Kay Meek reception BCPSEA Meeting BCSTA Metro Meeting EPN / Streamkeepers Student Wrap-up Finance & Facilities Committee meeting Human Resources Committee meeting North Shore Active and Safe Routes to School workshop	Sentinel visit from Admiral Seymour Elementary Various school Christmas concerts West Vancouver Community Foundation reception West Vancouver Joint Traffic & Safety meeting West Vancouver School District “Opening Day” and Long-service Awards WV District Student Council meeting WV District PAC meeting
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K. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

Rob Inman – West Vancouver resident and coach

- Stated that as a 62 year resident of the British Properties, he has seen a huge shift in demographics in the area
- Believes that the initiatives at the Properties Family Hub at Chartwell are fantastic and are bringing together families new to Canada and getting them involved
- Said the Hub should be used as an example throughout the community

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- Further to the Superintendent's Report, noted the success of a program whereby Sentinel student athletes ran practices for sports at feeder schools
- The program encouraged younger students to try a sport in a low-pressure environment and get involved in that sport once they got to high school; also provided mentorship and volunteer opportunities for secondary students

Chair Broady thanked Mr. Inman and called his suggestion an excellent idea.

L. ADJOURNMENT

8:39

BOARD CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER