



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

5:30 pm

Present: C. Broady, Chair; N. Brown, Vice Chair; L. Block, D. Stevenson, F. Zhu, Trustees;
C. Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools; J. Leiterman, Secretary-Treasurer; S. Nosek,
Associate Superintendent; I. Kennedy, Director of Instruction; D. Nelson, Director of
Instruction

Absent: L. Hill, Dr. Sandra-Lynn Shortall, Directors of Instruction; S. Mascoe, Director of Human
Resources

A. The Chair called the meeting to order and recognized that we are gathered on the traditional territory of the Squamish Nation and thanked our friends and colleagues in the Nation who are working with us to guide our understanding of the history of this land and its people. She said we respect and honour the Elders past, present, and future as we bring this knowledge to the students in our community.

B. BOARD HIGHLIGHT

Specialty Program – WVS Premier Outdoor Recreation Program

*Diane Nelson, Director of Instruction; Teachers: Daphne Lambie (Rockridge) &
Bryn Hammett (Sentinel)*

Director of Instruction Diane Nelson introduced the Premier Specialty Program, Outdoor Recreation. She commended Daphne Lambie and Brynn Hammett for sharing their skills, expertise, and ability to safely navigate the outdoors with students. A graduate of the program described how they appreciated the opportunity to try something out of their comfort zone, and how the environment was a safe place to keep trying difficult challenges. The life lessons of resilience, not giving up, and not being perfect the first time was a key takeaway. The Outdoor Recreation Program is open to students in grade 9-12.

New Learning Opportunities – Rockridge Secondary School

Principal Trevor Kolkea

Principal Kolkea introduced the Rockridge Drumline Team, which is unique to Rockridge Secondary. Under the guidance of teacher Alisa Collins, the team played three pieces showcasing their talent and passion.

Political Studies 12

Teacher Jessica Selzer with Rockridge students

Ms. Selzer spoke about the new Political Studies 12 course, created to teach students about their civic responsibility and give them the tools for civil discourse. Grade 11 and 12 students from the course shared their experience and gratitude to be able to share, discuss, and deliberate current topics with like-minded students. They all mentioned that their comfort level for public speaking, debating, and listening to other perspectives have all increased.

Grade 8 Robotics Rotation – West Vancouver Secondary School

Steve Rauh, Principal; B Pastucha, teacher

In September of 2022, WVSS introduced Robotics into their grade 8 elective rotation, providing every student with experience in coding, design cycle, and team collaboration. Teacher Brayden Pastucha shared that the grade 8 rotation has exposed many more students to the world of robotics than when it was strictly a program of choice. WVSS students Hana W. and Iris P. shared their new-found passion for robotics, a field neither of them necessarily would have chosen to participate in. Team-building exercises and collaboration are key to success in building a robot, and the students acknowledged that they performed better as a team and were appreciative of the new opportunities.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1642	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting December 13, 2022, be adopted.
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Carried

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting September 27, 2022

Inaugural Meeting November 15, 2022

General Record – December 13, 2022

1633	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 27, 2022, be approved.
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Carried

1643	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 15, 2022, be approved.
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Carried

1644	<u>MOTON</u> THAT the minutes of the General Record held December 13, 2022, be approved.
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Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. French Immersion Review

Ian Kennedy, Director of Instruction; Julie Pearce, Consultant

Julie Pearce, consultant for the district's French Immersion Review, shared her report with the board. The driving force for the review came from the district's strategic goals to maintain educational excellence and to continue to support successful transitions for students from elementary to secondary school.

There were many key focus areas of the review, some of which included the proximity and access to French Immersion in the district, availability of space and staff to meet the demands and needs in the community, to the alignment of West Vancouver's French Immersion Program to the BC curriculum's emphasis on personalized learning, differentiated instruction, proficiency-based assessment, and inclusion. Ms. Pearce shared her findings from the review with the board and highlighted some of the things that were working well, noting that there has been a consistent demand for the Early French Immersion Program with application numbers remaining strong and constant. She also touched on some of the challenges and obstacles, including a shortage of trained French-speaking teachers that has resulted in staffing challenges on both a local and national level.

2. Calendar Amendment

Sean Nosek, Associate Superintendent

The 2022-2023 calendar was amended to reflect the National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elisabeth II that was observed on September 19, 2022. This resulted in one less day of instruction.

1645	<u>MOTION THAT</u> the Board approve the amended calendar as presented.
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Carried

3. Enrollment Report Update

Sean Nosek, Associate Superintendent

The official 1701 enrollment data submission to the ministry was shared - this report is directly tied to how much money the district receives for its operating grant. WVS accounted for 6852 funding eligible students.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance + Facilities Committee Meeting – October 11, 2022

Trustee Stevenson shared that the West Vancouver Place for Sports project is still in process – no further updates and this time.

All sites in WVS now have HVAC systems – projects were completed from the summer.

There was a review of the October 14th water leak at Chartwell, and cause and liability are still in discussion.

Trustee Stevenson highlighted the increasing IT costs, as our networks, devices, and services continually need updating.

1646 **MOTION THAT** the minutes for the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held October 11, 2022, be received.

Carried

2. Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting – December 13, 2022

1647 **MOTION THAT** the minutes of the Finance and Facilities meeting held December 13, 2022, be received.

Carried

3. Human Resources Committee Meeting – November 1, 2022

Vice Chair Brown shared that the BCTF voted to ratify a new three-year agreement. CUPE is in ongoing negotiations, where educational assistants have been the focus.

1648 **MOTION THAT** the minutes of the Human Resources meeting held November 1, 2022, be received.

Carried

I. FOR INFORMATION

Administrative Procedure 500 – Budget Preparation
Administrative Procedure 511 – Expense and Reimbursement

J. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

K. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

BC Provincial Learning Committee BC Public School Employer's Association Council Meeting BCSSA Fall Conference BCSTA Branch President Meeting BCSTA Fall Academy BCSTA Metro Meeting BCSTA Board Chair Calls Board Orientation Sessions Chamber of Commerce AGM	British Properties Holiday Event Civic Reception for Volunteers DPAC Holiday Luncheon DPAC / Trustee Meet and Greet Meeting with Mayor Sager Presidents Meeting Remembrance Day at the West Vancouver Cenotaph Remembrance Day School Assemblies School Holiday Concerts
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L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

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7:43 pm