



## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**West Vancouver School Board Office**

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023**

**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, Deputy  
Superintendent; SL. Shortall, Director of Instruction

**Absent:** L. Hill, D. Nelson, I. Kennedy, Directors of Instruction; S. Mascoe, Executive 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**

#### **Creating a Sense of Belonging – Ridgeview Elementary**

*Principal Warren Zerbe; Vice Principal Lindsay Morton; grade 2-6 Ridgeview students*

Principal Zerbe led Ridgeview's "Creating a Sense of Belonging" presentation, which is tied to their school's FESL goal. Vice Principal Morton shared their land acknowledgement version that aims to help students engage in their sense of belonging to the land and to each other.

The presentation highlighted work that students are working on throughout the school year, including looking inward to explore "who we are, our self-identity and what makes us unique", understanding that everyone is different and unique with the aim to build tolerance as well as positive relationships with others, and shifting from an understanding of self and others towards a greater understanding of the world around them. The six focal traits of respect, empathy, gratitude, kindness, perseverance, and integrity are incorporated into all three school terms. Ridgeview students shared their stories of how they work with buddies to create a sense of belonging through their "Me Box", "Pieces of Me" posters, and creation of a Rap music video.

**“The Importance of Oral Interactions in the French Immersion Classroom”**

**École Pauline Johnson**

*Principal Tara Zielinski; Vice Principal Cindy Stevenson; Gabrielle Ayotte, French Immersion Coordinator; Jasmine Wing, A. Hu, A. Kukucka, grade 2 students*

Principal Tara Zielinski introduced teacher Jasmine Wing, a grade 2 teacher working on her master’s degree and delving into the research and data around language acquisition in a French Immersion context and creative ways to help students learn the language.

Part of their framework is improved literacy centres to promote and facilitate oral interactions and competencies with their French Immersion students through task-based learning to practice both input and output of the French language through role-playing games.

**C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

1651	<b><u>MOTION</u> THAT</b> the Agenda of the Regular Meeting January 17, 2023, be adopted.
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**Carried**

**D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)**

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting December 13, 2022**

1652	<b><u>MOTION</u> THAT</b> the Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 13, 2022, be approved.
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**Carried**

**F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Chair Broady asked when the board can expect to receive information from the recent French Immersion Review, including priorities and recommendations.

Superintendent Kennedy responded that the external facilitator, Julie Pearce, has laid out a series of considerations in her report. The report has been shared with staff at our French Immersion schools, but that it’s still early to share any feedback as it’s only been three weeks since the last board meeting. The Board can anticipate a report at the May 16, 2023, board meeting.

**G. BOARD BUSINESS**

**Technology Upgrade Needs**

*Julia Leiterman, Secretary-Treasurer; Sean Nosek, Deputy Superintendent*

Deputy Superintendent Nosek shared his PowerPoint presentation highlighting the completed IT projects and those still pending. The four focus areas of the IT department are hardware, software, services, and training. Managing cybersecurity is an ongoing and growing concern, and the district has implemented compliance policies to try and mitigate the issue.

Secretary-Treasurer Leiterman spoke to the financial concerns to cover all costs and the need to budget for IT demands moving forward. There is no ministry funding for Information Technology, so the leadership team will be looking for solutions to address this concern.

The board stated that they will advocate for IT funding through different channels, whether that be through BCSTA Motions, letters to the ministry, or through collaborative presentations with other metro districts.

Secretary-Treasurer Leiterman suggested that the board advocate to have IT included in the MECC capital funding budget.

### **BCSTA AGM**

*Carolyn Broady, Chair*

Chair Broady will attend the AGM in April. On behalf of the Board, she will advocate for Ministry funding for Information Technology.

### **Inclusive Teaming in WVS: A Day in the Life of Tom Gatenyo**

*Dr. Sandra-Lynn Shortall, Director of Instruction, Inclusive Education; Student Tom Gatenyo (Caulfeild Elementary); Dr. Linda Mamer, Teacher of Students with Visual Impairment; Moray McLean, OT, BCCFA; K. Waugh, Teacher for Deaf and Hard Hearing*

Dr. Sandra-Lynn Shortall proudly introduced Caulfeild student Tom Gatenyo and “Team Tom”. Together they shared how the inclusive learning team supports Tom in his daily routine at school ensuring he has access to some engaging learning experiences and opportunities each day. Tom has been part of a year-long study with the Ministry of Education, and they supply Tom with new technology that is best suited to his needs. Dr. Shortall commended Tom on his ability to articulate and advocate for himself – skills that will serve him well as he soon moves onto secondary school. Appreciation was shared to the Facilities Department, who have responded to all concerns regarding safety for Tom at school. Yellow lines were painted on exterior stairs, ledges and, and poles to help identify any hazard that may interfere with Tom’s enjoyment of the school grounds.

## **H. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Finance + Facilities Committee Meeting – January 10, 2023**

- Winter Weather & Vandalism Events
- WVPFS Update
- 2022/2023 Amended Revenue

Trustee Stevenson discussed the three items from the last Finance and Facilities Committee meeting agenda, and commended the Facilities Department for their quick response to both the weather-related problems from the holiday break and for the quick action to remedy the vandalism that has been occurring at some of our sites.

Trustee Stevenson mentioned that the West Vancouver Place for Sports project still sits with the district council and that there are no further updates at this time.

1653 **MOTION THAT** the minutes for the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held January 10, 2023, be received.

**Carried**

**I. FOR INFORMATION**

Administrative Procedure 351 – School Codes of Conduct

**J. CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

**K. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Blanket Exercise at the Kay Meek Board Chair Introductory Call with Minister Singh ELL Consortium Hollyburn Book Fair	Library time at Hollyburn School Holiday Concerts School Traffic Safety Meeting (START)
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**L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)**

WVTA President Spencer Capier asked what is being done on a provincial level, or through BCSTA to address the district's IT concerns and needs.

Chair Broady responded that Information Technology is now just getting the attention that it needs, and on behalf of the Board, she will be advocating for funding at the BCSTA AGM in April. President Capier let the board know that the WVTA is keen to work together with the board to campaign for ministry funding.

**M. ADJOURN**

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Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer