



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

Present: C. Broady, Chair; N. Brown, Vice Chair; L. Block, D. Stevenson, F. Zhu, Trustees;
C. Kennedy, Superintendent; S. Nosek, Deputy Superintendent; J. Leiterman,
Secretary-Treasurer; L. Hill; I. Kennedy; D. Nelson; SL Shortall, 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

Building Community, Collaboration, and Connection – Caulfeild Elementary

Principal Nathan Blackburn; Vice Principal Christine Hulme

Principal Blackburn and Vice Principal Hulme spoke about their ongoing efforts to rebuild the Caulfeild community through collaborative initiatives and by fostering connections. They highlighted various programs targeting the well-being of both staff and students, with a particular focus on promoting positive mental health awareness. Notably, they shared a student recognition program called “caught being the bear,” which has become widely recognized and prominently displayed throughout the school.

Soundscapes – A Whole-School Music Program – Eagle Harbour Montessori

Vice Principal Debbie Tobin

Two students from EHMS presented their school’s year-end music project, Soundscapes. This project involved narrating a junior graphic novel by weaving together elements of indigenous education, literacy, STEM, and fine arts.

Peter Gromer, film composer and EHMS parent volunteer, dedicated his time and expertise to help students bring this book to life. Through his encouragement, Peter instilled in the students

the confidence to use their voices as narrators for their own stories. The students' passion for storytelling soared as they witnessed their own voices coming alive on digital pages.

A Special Edition of CP News – Cypress Park Primary

Vice Principal Sara Bell

Cypress students have taken to the airwaves to discuss their sense of belonging with their school community. Through their own student-run news show, these young minds have embraced a platform that amplifies their voices, allowing them to openly express their experiences and reflections and take on leadership responsibilities within the school, working together to build a welcoming atmosphere where everyone feels a sense of belonging.

With each episode, students discuss diverse topics, sharing personal anecdotes, highlighting the school's supportive environment, and showcasing the unique talents and achievements of their fellow castmates.

Lessons Learned in the Outdoors – West Bay Elementary

Principal Michelle LaBounty; Vice Principal Jessica Richardson

Principal LaBounty introduced the dynamic duo of West Bay's admired Kindergarten teachers. A video presentation was shared, providing a glimpse into scenes where the kindergarten students embark on explorations of the school's sprawling outdoor spaces, emphasizing the invaluable role that physical literacy plays in nurturing growth and fostering a sense of belonging to the world around them.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1676 <u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting June 6, 2023, be adopted.
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Carried

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting May 16, 2023

1677 <u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 16, 2023, be approved.
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Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

G. BOARD BUSINESS

WVS Secondary Indigenous Student Success

Indigenous Education Teacher Carol Langley

Carol Langley and her students shared stories and showcased the successes of the year. They highlighted important topics like the importance of belonging, social-emotional well-being, cultural appreciation, academic growth, and smooth transitions.

Throughout the school year, the students actively engaged in numerous activities that honoured many traditions, with one of the notable highlights being a trip to UBC to learn about the CPA Martin Mentroship program designed for indigenous students. These activities centered around guiding the students to develop a deep appreciation for the importance of completing their education, exploring future career possibilities, and understanding the link between classroom learning and real-world workplaces.

Choice Consultative Committee – Board Authority Authorized Courses

Director of Instruction Diane Nelson

Director of Instruction Nelson reported on the three new Board Authority Authorized courses being offered next year. These grade 10-12 BAA courses meet the specific requirements of schools and communities, offering students flexibility and choice. Students are required to attain proficiency in one of the course levels, rather than completing all three.

- Applications for Learning 10
- Applications for Learning 11
- Applications for Learning 12

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Human Resources Committee Meeting – May 30, 2023

Vice Chair Brown reviewed topics discussed at the committee meeting, including the recent appointment of Liz Hill as the new Assistant Superintendent. Vice Chair Brown acknowledged the recent increase in funding from the Federal French Growth Fund that will help enhance the French Immersion Program and support students.

The HR Team was pleased to confirm the secondment of one of the district's primary teachers to the Capilano Little Ones School, located on the Squamish Nation.

1678 **MOTION THAT** the minutes for the Human Resources Committee meeting held May 30, 2023, be received.

Carried

2. Finance + Facilities Committee Meeting – June 6, 2023

Trustee Stevenson highlighted that Sentinel Secondary School remains the district's sole project to be included in the 2024/25 Five-Year Capital Plan (Major Projects) submission under two funding streams: Seismic and Renovation.

1679 **MOTION THAT** the minutes for the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held on June 6, 2023, be received.

Carried

1680 **MOTION THAT** in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 45 (West Vancouver) hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan, Major Projects, for 2024/25 to be submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Carried

ANNUAL BUDGET BYLAW

1681 A Bylaw of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.45 (WEST VANCOUVER) (called the “Board”) to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2023/2024 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the “Act”).

1. The Board has compiled with the provisions of the Act, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 45 (West Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2023/2024.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2023/2024 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$100,548,259 for the 2023/2024 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2023/2024.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 6TH OF JUNE, 2023;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 6TH DAY OF JUNE, 2023;

Chairperson of the Board

(Corporate Seal)

Secretary Treasurer

I. FOR INFORMATION

J. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/board-correspondence>

K. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Athletic Coaches Recognition BBQ
- Board / DLT Annual Planning Day
- BCPSEA – Virtual Meeting
- Cypress Park Primary School Art Show
- District Elementary Track Meet
- District Retirement Reception

- Meeting with MLAs
- Pauline Johnson’s 100th Anniversary Fair
- Pauline Johnson’s 100th Alumni Tea
- Presidents Meeting
- Rockridge Secondary Career Expo

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ District Honour Choir Year-End Concert➤ ELL Consortium➤ Grad Show Art Exhibition at the Ferry Building Gallery➤ Hollyburn Musical “<i>Lions King Jr.</i>”➤ Indigenous Student Graduation & Gathering➤ Meeting with Mayor and Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Secondary School Graduation Commencements and Banquets➤ Westcot Ambleside Beach Clean Up➤ Women in Leadership Event➤ WVTA -Meeting with President (Provincial Select Standing Committee Submission) |
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L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

M. ADJOURN

Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer