



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

### West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

**Present:** C. Broady, Chair; N. Brown, Vice Chair; L. Block, D. Stevenson, F. Zhu, Trustees; C. Kennedy, Superintendent; L. Hill, Assistant Superintendent; I. Kennedy, Director of Instruction

- 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.

#### Graduation Events

School	Commencement	Banquet
Rockridge Secondary	June 9	June 1
Sentinel Secondary	June 15	June 22
West Vancouver Secondary	June 11	May 25

#### **B. BOARD HIGHLIGHT**

##### **Irwin Park Elementary – Grade 6/7 Peer Mediator Program – Supporting Connection and Belonging**

*Principal Aron Campbell*

Principal Campbell and students highlighted their Peer Mediator Program as a means to enhance student connections and belonging. This initiative aims to teach conflict resolution skills to create a more inclusive and supportive environment. The focus is on modelling empathy, understanding, and respect.

##### **Hollyburn Elementary – Enhancing Numeracy Instruction at Hollyburn**

*Principal Breanna Lloyd, Vice Principal Emily Miller, Teacher Eric Rochfort*

The Hollyburn team presented a portion of their FESL goal: to improve number sense and increase student ownership of math learning in K – 7. The discussion emphasized the importance of creating a supportive environment while also fostering opportunities for

dialogue. Students are encouraged to articulate their thought processes, seek assistance, and engage in challenges when necessary.

### C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1726 **MOTION THAT** the Agenda of the Regular Meeting May 21, 2024, be adopted.

**Carried**

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

### E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting April 16, 2024

1727 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting April 16, 2024, be approved.

**Carried**

### F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Chair Broady inquired about the status of classes exceeding 30 students, to which Assistant Superintendent Hill confirmed to be at 11. These classes are predominantly located at Sentinel and West Vancouver Secondary School, with the additional enrollment provided to ensure students receive the necessary courses to advance along their graduation pathways.
- Chair Broady highlighted an upcoming call scheduled with the Minister of Education and Child Care in response to a letter the board had penned, addressing concerns regarding funding for mid-sized districts with static enrollment.

### G. BOARD BUSINESS

#### 1. **Superintendent Report**

*Chris Kennedy, Superintendent*

#### **Enrolment**

Enrolment has consistently hovered near capacity throughout the year, with ongoing registrations preventing any significant dips. Looking ahead, next year appears to be following a similar trend, with numbers expected to remain near capacity.

#### **International**

The international student enrolment goal of 400 FTE is nearly met, representing an 8% increase for the 2024-2025 school year, partly due to the strategic focus on attending more recruitment fairs in Asia.

#### **Harry Jerome Oval Update**

The project remains on track for completion by late fall. Thanks to strong working relationships among all involved, the coordination of the project has been running smoothly.

### **Summer Learning**

Student registration remains high, with potential for some fluctuations closer to the start dates. Over 55 classes will operate across three school sites, maintaining registration numbers consistent with previous years.

### **Feeding Futures 2023-2024**

This initiative ensures students in K-12 have barrier-free access to nutritious foods. Next year, the district will be launching new K-7 Breakfast Baskets and BC Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Programs, while maintaining our commitment to system-wide confidential food security, culturally sensitive indigenous support, inclusive access to nutrition, and secondary Connect & Inglewood support programs.

### **Generative AI in West Vancouver Schools**

Highlighted was the recent parent education AI event, which attracted about 750 views. This successful event underscores the growing interest in generative AI within our community. The district is actively networking with other jurisdictions engaged in similar initiatives and forging partnerships with various groups across North America.

### **2. WVS Premier Academy and District Programs Update**

*Ian Kennedy, Director of Instruction; Paul Eberhardt, District VP of Academies*

The presentation delved into the District Programs and Academies offered by West Vancouver Schools, highlighting their commitment to honouring and nurturing student voice and choice. It was noted that for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, most programs are at full capacity, with a considerable number of students on waitlists. Future prospects include the potential for collaborative programs involving students from both North and West Vancouver, aimed at expanding the range of available opportunities.

### **3. School Fees**

*Liz Hill, Assistant Superintendent*

A review of the West Vancouver Schools Premier Academies and Specialty Program Fees was conducted. The majority of programs maintained their current fee structures, with a few experiencing a slight adjustment. Additionally, there were minor increases noted in select secondary school course fees, particularly in art and food courses, to reflect the rising costs associated with these commodities.

1728 <b><u>MOTION TO</u></b> approve the course fee structure as presented for the 2024-2025 school year.
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**Carried**

### **4. BCSTA AGM**

*Nicole Brown, Vice-Chair*

Vice Chair Brown, accompanied by fellow board members, participated in the recent BCSTA AGM. During the event, SD45 presented a motion to the BCSTA, advocating for dedicated funding to support the well-being of children in care. The motion was approved.

## H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Audit Committee Meeting – May 7, 2024

KPMG provided an overview of their audit planning report, detailing the upcoming tasks scheduled for this summer. Additionally, the internal audit report announced two new policies set to commence in the fall of 2024: the requirement for computer-generated cheques for all school transactions and the transition of all secondary school sports fees transactions to School Cash Online.

1729 **MOTION THAT** the minutes for the Audit Committee Meeting held May 7, 2024, be received.

**Carried**

### 2. Human Resources Committee Meeting – May 7, 2024

Vice Chair Brown highlighted the recent video produced for the recruitment of French and French Immersion teachers. This initiative, funded by BCPSEA, underscores the creative efforts of the HR department in attracting and retaining high-caliber candidates.

1730 **MOTION THAT** the minutes for the Human Resources Committee Meeting held May 7, 2024, be received.

**Carried**

## I. FOR INFORMATION

Board Policy 14 - School Closures / Grade Reconfigurations - to be posted for feedback  
Board Policy 15 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel - to be posted for feedback

## J. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

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

## K. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ BCSTA Metro Branch AGM</li><li>➤ BCSTA Metro Meeting</li><li>➤ Coffee with DPAC Co-Chairs</li><li>➤ Grad Arts Show Ferry Building</li><li>➤ Harvest Project Poverty Simulation Event</li><li>➤ Keen Lau Memorial Event</li><li>➤ North Shore Coho Society AGM</li><li>➤ Open House aboard His Majesty's Canadian Ship REGINA</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ West Vancouver Arts &amp; Culture Advisory Committee Meeting</li><li>➤ West Bay Exhibition</li><li>➤ Westcot PAC Meeting</li><li>➤ School Traffic and Safety</li><li>➤ Women in Leadership</li><li>➤ North Shore Governance</li></ul> |
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## L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

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