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

### **West Vancouver School Board Office**

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

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

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**

#### **West Bay / Cypress Park**

##### **Successful Transitions: Setting the Stage at Cypress Park and West Bay**

*Scott Slater, Principal, Christine Hulme, VP Cypress Park; Emily Miller, VP West Bay, Bea Sedgwick, Cypress Park Teacher; Jessica Lee, West Bay Teacher, and grade 4 students*

The presentation highlighted strategies for fostering smooth transitions at key stages in a student's educational journey. For transitions between schools, initiatives such as pen pal programs and collaborative activities were introduced to help students establish relationships before the new school year. These activities not only enhanced literacy skills but also built excitement and a sense of belonging.

#### **West Vancouver Secondary – High School First Responder Program at WVSS**

*Steve Rauh, Principal; Chris Campagnolo, Teacher; H. Jonckheer, Lucy White, WVSS Student Responders*

WVSS students presented its First Responders Club, aimed at providing students with opportunities to learn and practice first aid skills. The club fosters a sense of fun and connection among like-minded peers while offering hands-on experience in emergency response within the school and local community.

## C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1753 **MOTION THAT** the amended Agenda of the Regular Meeting November 19, 2024, be adopted.

**Carried**

## D. ELECTION of CHAIR and VICE CHAIR

*Julia Leiterman, Secretary-Treasurer*

The Secretary-Treasurer called for nominations for the role of Chair of the Board of Education of School District 45 (West Vancouver). Trustee Carolyn Broady was acclaimed to her eleventh year as Chair of the Board. Chair Broady called for nominations for the role of Vice-Chair, and Trustee Nicole Brown was acclaimed to the position.

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

## F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Regular Meeting October 22, 2024**

1754 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 22, 2024, be approved.

**Carried**

## G. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Chair Broady asked Deputy Superintendent Hill for an update on classes over 30.
- The Deputy Superintendent reported that a limited number of classes across three secondary schools currently exceed 30 students. This situation primarily arises from scheduling challenges at the Grade 8 level and the need to accommodate late-entry in-catchment registrants.
- Vice Chair Brown inquired whether Trustee Block has submitted her resignation letter.
- The Superintendent stated that he had not yet received the letter but expected it to be submitted to him and the Secretary-Treasurer by the end of the week.

## H. BOARD BUSINESS

### 1. **Feeding Futures**

*Sandra-Lynn Shortall, Assistant Superintendent; Christine Hulme, Vice-Principal*

The Provincial Feeding Futures funding is being used to address food insecurities in WVS through three key initiatives: the Indigenous Program, the Connect Program, and the Inclusive Access Points for Students with Medical, Behavioral, or Nutritional Needs. Each program shared updates on how they are thriving, showcasing tailored approaches to meeting students' unique needs while fostering equity, inclusion, and well-being within the school community.

**2. Digital Learning**

*Cari Wilson, Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology*

The presentation focused on fostering digital literacy and developing digital citizenship, defined as the ability to navigate digital environments safely, ethically, and responsibly. Emphasis was placed on the role of generative AI in education, highlighting the importance of understanding its applications, limitations, and ethical use.

**3. Provincial Council Update**

*Nicole Brown, Vice Chair*

Vice Chair Brown provided an update from the recent provincial council meeting. The session included discussions on a variety of education-related topics and key policy matters, many of which were debated and voted on.

**4. Tree Planting Project**

*Chris Kennedy, Superintendent*

The Tree Planting Program, funded by the District of West Vancouver, involved 11 schools in the district. Approximately 52 trees were planted with 375 students actively involved in planting and ongoing care. The initiative focused on increasing shade and promoting environmental sustainability, with innovative efforts like experimenting with new grass types and small plants to reduce maintenance.

**I. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**J. FOR INFORMATION**

**K. CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

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

**L. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS**

➤ BCPSEA 2024 Symposium	➤ Joint School Traffic and Safety Meeting
➤ BCPSEA Conflict of Interest Seminar	➤ Meeting with Kay Meek Board Chair
➤ BCSTA Provincial Council	➤ President’s Committee Meeting
➤ Caulfeild PAC Meeting	➤ Remembrance Day Assemblies
➤ DPAC General Meeting	➤ Sentinel PAC Meeting
➤ Gleneagles Ch’axay Science Fair	➤ West Vancouver Arts Council

**M. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)**

**N. ADJOURN**

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Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer