

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

West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, December 17, 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.

| Grade 7 Parent Info Sessions | | |
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| Sentinel Secondary | West Vancouver Secondary | Rockridge Secondary |
| January 7 6:30pm – 8:30pm | January 8 6:30pm – 8pm | January 9 6pm – 7:30pm |

B. BOARD HIGHLIGHT

Westcot Elementary – Sounds of Season

Cathie Ratz, Principal; Tim Mee, Music & Band Teacher; Grade 7 Band Students: M. Bhogte, K.Lin, P.Masters, D. Ridgway

Tim Mee, Westcot Music and Band Teacher, along with grade 7 students, provided a holiday music performance for the board.

Irwin Park

Rooted in Learning: Cultivating Community and Growth in Our Garden’s First Year

Alex Bleim, Vice Principal; Grade 7 students: T. Hansen, K. Kozak, D. Nazarov, C. Babich

Alex Bleim, Vice Principal, along with grade 7 students, discussed how Irwin Park’s Garden Project promotes healthy bodies, minds, and relationships by integrating nutrition education, mindfulness, and collaboration, and supports curriculum connections across multiple subjects.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1755 **MOTION THAT** the Agenda of the Regular Meeting December 17, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting November 19, 2024
- General Record – December 17, 2024

1756 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 19, 2024, be approved.

Carried

1757 **MOTION THAT** the minutes of the General Record of December 17, 2024, be approved.

Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair requested an update from Deputy Superintendent Hill regarding classes exceeding 30 students.

The Deputy Superintendent reported minimal changes since the last update, noting that 21 classes across three secondary schools currently exceed 30 students. A significant portion of these cases is attributed to a large Grade 8 cohort at Sentinel Secondary.

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Inglewood and Take a Hike Update

Corrine Kinnon, District Principal, Inclusive Education & Inglewood Secondary; G. Klemmensen, Inglewood TAH Mental Health Clinician; T. Cianfrini, Inglewood TAH Teacher; C. Wigley, Inglewood RISE Teacher; T. Janvier, District Education Assistant lead

Inglewood Secondary's RISE (Responsive, Inclusive, Secondary Education) and TAH (Take a Hike) programs provide alternate education for Grades 9-12 students, focusing on academic, social, and emotional growth. With small cohorts, mental health support, and experiential learning opportunities, these programs foster belonging, individualized support, and safe environments to help students succeed on their own terms.

2. Enhancing Secondary Schools through School FESLs, Collaboration Time, and Teacher Leadership

Ian Kennedy, Asst Superintendent; T. Kolkea, Principal (RO); T. McLean, SE Secondary Enhancement Teacher; M. Metcalfe, WVSS Teacher Leader

The "Blueprint for Student Success – Secondary" outlines a strategic approach to enhancing teaching and learning through system-wide coherence and alignment. Key components include supporting Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) goals, fostering teacher leadership, and leveraging collaboration time to focus on assessment, inclusion, and core competencies, all aimed at improving student outcomes.

3. **Approval of Board Policies 18 & 19**

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent

Superintendent Kennedy provided an overview of the recently updated board policies that were reviewed and approved by the board.

1759 **MOTION** to adopt revised Board Policy 18, Indemnification Bylaw

Carried

1760 **MOTION** to adopt revised Board Policy 19, Child Care

Carried

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Human Resources Committee Meeting – November 26, 2024**

Trustee Zhu highlighted key items from the Human Resources Committee meeting, including recent recruitment initiatives, one of which was a virtual career fair focused on French and French immersion teaching positions.

1761 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes for the Human Resources Committee meeting held November 26, 2024, be received.

Carried

2. **Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting – December 10, 2024**

Chair Broady provided an update on various items, including the new soccer bubble planned for the West Vancouver Place for Sports complex, and the Early Childhood Education Centre, with onsite work scheduled to begin in March.

1762 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes for the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held December 10, 2024, be received.

Carried

I. FOR INFORMATION

Administrative Procedure 140- District Technology
Administrative Procedure 215 – Inclusive Education

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">➤ 20th Anniversary Gala at the Kay Meek➤ BCSTA Trustee Academy➤ British Properties Holiday Reception➤ District Holiday Party➤ District Choral Concert➤ DPAC General Meeting➤ Grand Opening – West Vancouver Place for Sport | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Holiday School Concerts➤ Presidents Committee Meeting➤ West Vancouver Arts & Culture Advisory Committee➤ West Van Annual Civic Reception➤ West Van Streamkeepers Year-End Celebration |
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L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

M. ADJOURN

Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer