



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

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

Pauline Johnson - Keksín ti syátshen: This Basket that We're all in Together

Tara Zielinski, Principal; Hannah Williams, Vice Principal; Emily Murphy, Jasmine Wing, Brett Wightman, Teachers; Sophia, Sebastien, grade 2/3students

École Pauline Johnson highlighted its bilingual and multilingual learning environment rooted in cultural and linguistic diversity. The school integrates French, English, and Squamish languages into activities such as bilingual storybooks, assemblies, gardening, and novel studies with Indigenous themes.

Ridgeview Elementary - Winter Concerts (The Greatest Gift & Tracking Santa)

Warren Zerbe, Principal; Lotus, Mason, Gavin (Grade 3); Brittany, Shervin (Grade 7)

Ridgeview showcased their focus on creating community and building confidence through teamwork. Students actively participated in planning, collaborating, and presenting at the Primary and Intermediate Winter Concerts. Their student-led introductions highlighted leadership and communication skills.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1763 <u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting January 14, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

Chair Broady shared with Spencer Capier, President of the WVTA local union, that the Board wishes to write a joint advocacy letter before collective bargaining begins asking to prioritize salary harmonization.

Mr. Capier agreed to the joint letter and mentioned that he would also include it in their union's next newsletter.

1765 **MOTION THAT** the Board of Education, in collaboration with the WVTA Local union President, draft and submit a joint advocacy letter to BCPSEA and BCTF, emphasizing the need to prioritize salary harmonization ahead of the upcoming collective bargaining process.

Carried

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting December 17, 2024

1764 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 17, 2024, be approved.

Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Trustee Stevenson followed up on the December board business item, “Enhancing Secondary Schools”, with three questions. Firstly, how do we ensure staff alignment with the presentation, how do we share this information with the community, and lastly how do we network with other districts to share strategy and best practice. Assistant Superintendent Ian Kennedy responded by describing coaching and workshops for administrators, teacher leaders and enhancement teachers as well as consistent community messaging. The Superintendent highlighted the district's networking efforts and the Ministry's FESL feedback, which supports sharing strategies and best practices with other districts.
- The Chair requested an update from Deputy Superintendent Hill regarding classes exceeding 30 students.
 - Deputy Superintendent Hill reported a slight drop since the last update, noting that 18 classes across three secondary schools currently exceed 30 students. The slight decrease was attributed to natural attrition in some senior courses.

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. English Language Learning - Update

Sandra Lynn Shortall, Asst Superintendent; Laine Anderson, Vice-Principal of Early Learning and Child Care

The English Language Learning update highlighted multi-tiered, inclusive support for 1,658 K-12 English Language Learners (22% of the student population) targeting instruction and

leveraging Annual Instructional Plans (AIPs) and Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) strategies tailored to student needs.

2. Privacy and Security

Peter McGrath, Manager of IT; Cari Wilson, District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology; Susan Leggat, IT Services Coordinator

The Privacy and Security update outlined the growing risks of cybercrime, emphasizing the K-12 sector's vulnerability. West Vancouver Schools has implemented robust measures, including vulnerability scanning, server patching, disk encryption, and multi-factor authentication (MFA) for all staff. Ongoing training, phishing simulations, and compliance with FOIPPA raise awareness about cybersecurity across the district.

3. BCSTA AGM

Nicole Brown, Vice Chair

Vice Chair Brown addressed the upcoming BCSTA AGM, highlighting that all trustees will be in attendance. A comprehensive report from the AGM will be shared at a later date.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

I. FOR INFORMATION

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">➤ Holiday School Concerts➤ Board/Principal/DPAC Liaison Meeting |
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L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

The WVTA local union president expressed gratitude to Deputy Superintendent Hill for facilitating the implementation of new cybersecurity policies, including the requirement for all staff to add multi-factor authentication to their profiles. The WVTA members are in full support of the MFA.

M. ADJOURN