

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

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

Westcot Elementary – Classrooms without Walls: Outdoor Learning at Westcot

Stina Martinez, Principal; Lindsay Morton, Vice Principal; S. King, Indigenous Success Teacher; H. Kothe, teacher; R. Park, A Buckley, M. Hafezi, students

Westcot's presentation highlighted Classrooms without Walls, a program that integrates outdoor and land-based learning to support creativity, collaboration, and connection to the environment, with strong student engagement and plans to expand these opportunities.

West Vancouver Secondary

Finding your Peeps – the Role of Student-Led Clubs at WVSS

Steve Rauh, Principal; S. Frith, Vice Principal

M. Chan, L. Smiljanic, M. Bentley, R. Matheson, D. Braithwaite, A. Touichev, Students

WVSS's Finding Your Peeps presentation highlighted how student-led clubs create safe, inclusive spaces that enhance student well-being, build life skills, and foster leadership and connection across grades.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1801	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting October 21, 2025, be adopted.
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Carried



D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1802 **MOTION** THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 16, 2025, be approved.

Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. 1701 Report - Enrolment

Liz Hill, Deputy Superintendent

The Board received a presentation on the 1701 Enrolment Report, collected under the School and Student Data Collection Order. The report captures student demographics, program enrolment, and course data used by the Ministry to determine funding, monitor trends, and track student movement. Comparisons to previous years and projections for the year ahead were also shared.

2. Facilities Projects Update

Russell Street, Director of Facilities

Director of Facilities, Russell Street, provided a visual presentation on the progress of the Early Childcare Education Centre new build. Sixteen fully finished modular units have been installed. Work is ongoing to complete interior and exterior finishes, along with landscaping.

A summary of completed summer projects funded through the 2025-2026 Annual Facilities Grant was shared.

3. BCSTA Provincial Council

Felicia Zhu, Trustee

Trustee Zhu will be representing the board at the upcoming BCSTA Provincial Council meeting. A full report will be shared at the November board meeting.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Human Resources Committee Meeting – October 7, 2025

- Spotlight! HR Team
- Staffing Updates
- Recruitment and the Year Ahead
- SSEC and WVMEA Training
- Employee and Family Assistance Program Update
- Learning Spotlight: Coordinated Legal Arbitration Support Services

Vice Chair Donahue touched on some of the highlights from the recent HR Committee Meeting.

1804 **MOTION THAT** the minutes for the Human Resources Committee meeting held on October 7, 2025, be received.

Carried

2. Finance + Facilities Committee Meeting – October 14, 2025

- Early Childhood Education Centre Update
- Facilities Summer Projects

Trustee Stevenson commended the Facilities team for their hard work in maintaining safe and well-functioning sites.

1805 **MOTION THAT** the minutes for the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held on October 14, 2025, be received.

Carried

I. FOR INFORMATION

J. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

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

K. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

➤ BC Ferries Open House	➤ ELL Consortium Meeting
➤ BCPSEA Board Chair Meeting	➤ Impact North Shore AGM
➤ BCPSEA Sector Calls	➤ President's Committee Meeting
➤ BCPSEA Webinar	➤ Parent Education Session with Graeme Mitchel
➤ BCSTA Board Chair Call	➤ Parent Education Session with Dr. Molly Lawlor
➤ BCSTA Provincial Council Voter Training	➤ Rockridge PAC Meeting
➤ DPAC Welcome Luncheon	➤ Site Tour of the Early Childcare Education Centre

L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

Spencer Capier, President of the WVTA emphasized the value of using 1701 data to educate its members on how systemic funding decisions are made and how these impact classroom supports. They noted that the process helps teachers better understand district priorities and constraints, recognizing that the leadership team consistently makes thoughtful use of available resources.



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Spencer Capier – The WVTA President also expressed concern about the slow pace of bargaining and the ongoing confusion between local and provincial language at the bargaining table. He encouraged Trustees to inquire about the reasons for the delays and to continue advocating for adequate funding to support inclusive education.

In response, the Board noted that the BCSTA Board of Directors have upcoming meetings in Victoria to advocate for increased funding to support students with inclusions. It was also acknowledged that the pace of bargaining may be influenced by ongoing developments with the BCGEU.

M. ADJOURN

Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer