

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

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

**Tuesday, December 9, 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**

**Bowen Island Community School - Using Indigenous Perspectives, Ways of Knowing, and Land-Based Learning to Strengthen our Sense of Place and Belonging**

*Laura Magrath, Principal; Erin Gleason, Vice Principal, Sylvia King, Indigenous Education Teacher*

BICS shared their work in strengthening place and belonging through Indigenous knowledge and land-based learning. The school shared elements of the 2025–2026 Indigenous Education Plan, including cultural learning for all students, a new place-based learning room, enhanced family connections, and supports for literacy, social-emotional learning, and student transitions.

**Sentinel Secondary – The Sentinel Mural Project**

*Mike Finch, Principal; M. Hambly, C. Evans, Teachers, John Spence, Squamish Nation;  
G. Shen, O. Cho, A. Nabavi, N. Davies, B. Tang, C. Diao, Students*

Sentinel's Mural Project is an initiative designed to honour local Indigenous territory and celebrate the school's diverse community through collaborative art. Drawing inspiration from city murals and Indigenous themes of creation, balance, peace, and connection, students have developed and refined design concepts for a central hallway installation intended to promote reflection and belonging.

#### **C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

1809	<b><u>MOTION</u></b> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting December 9, 2025, be adopted.
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**Carried**

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

**Spencer Capier, President WVTA:**

The WVTA President reiterated concern about the slow pace of bargaining and asked Trustees to help encourage progress where they can.

## E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

— Regular Meeting November 18, 2025

1810 <b>MOTION THAT</b> the Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 18, 2025, be approved. <b>Carried</b>
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## F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

## G. BOARD BUSINESS

### 1. **English Language Learning Update: The Language of Success: Stories and Data Driving ELL Achievement in West Vancouver Schools**

*Sandra Lynn Shortall, Assistant Superintendent; Laine Anderson, District Vice Principal;  
Maria Yioldassis, ELL Coordinator*

The Board received an update on English Language Learning, highlighting that 1,577 multilingual learners are now enrolled across the district and continue to grow as a thriving student population. The presentation showcased the district's model of high-quality ELL instruction, including co-teaching, targeted small-group support, and culturally responsive practices that build confidence and connection for students.

### 2. **Early Learning Update:**

#### **Learning Starts with Us: Teachers and Families in Early Learning**

*Sandra Lynn Shortall, Assistant Superintendent; Mary Parackal, District Vice Principal;  
Shannon Ozirny, Head of Youth Services, West Vancouver Memorial Library*

The Board received an Early Learning update focused on strengthening partnerships between educators, community partners, and families. The presentation highlighted evidence-based family engagement initiatives, inclusive early-years programming, and professional learning that support smooth kindergarten transitions and strong social-emotional development. Ongoing efforts to address barriers to family participation were shared, along with plans to expand collaborative practices that build connection, trust, and long-term student success.

## H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. **Human Resources Committee Meeting – November 25, 2025**

- Spotlight! Ridgeview Team
- Public Sector Collective Bargaining Update
- WVMEA Training and Development Initiatives
- Learning Spotlight: Employment Standards Changes – Medical Leave



1811 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes for the Human Resources Committee meeting held November 25, 2025, be received.

**Carried**

**2. Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting – December 9, 2025**

- Early Childhood Education Centre Update
- West Vancouver Football Club Bubble Update
- Request for Proposals – External Auditors
- Memorandum of Understanding with District of West Vancouver Re: Caulfeild Tennis Courts

1812 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes for the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held December 9, 2025, be received.

**Carried**

**I. FOR INFORMATION**

[Administrative Procedure 168 Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies](#)

[Administrative Procedure 175 District Risk and Threat Assessment](#)

[Administrative Procedure 535 School Based Events](#)

[Administrative Procedure 535 Appendix A Detailed Guidance for School Events](#)

[Administrative Procedure 535 Appendix B Insurance Flowchart](#)

[Administrative Procedure 535 Appendix C Animals at School Events](#)

[Administrative Procedure 535 Appendix D Inflatables at School Events](#)

**J. CORRESPONDENCE**

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

<http://westvancouverschools.ca/board-correspondence>

**K. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS**

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| ➤ BCSTA Trustee Academy   | ➤ Holiday School Concerts                     |
| ➤ District Holiday Party  | ➤ Holiday Reception in the British Properties |
| ➤ District Choral Concert | ➤ Presidents Committee Meeting                |
| ➤ DPAC General Meeting    | ➤ Remembrance Day Poppy Contest Judging       |
| ➤ DPAC Holiday Lunch      | ➤ Streamkeepers Wrap-Up Celebration           |

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

**M. ADJOURN**