



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, June 15 - 5:00 p.m.
Online via MS Teams

Present: C. Broady, Chair; N. Brown, Vice Chair; L. Block, S. Donahue, D. Stevenson, Trustees; C. Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools; J. Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer; K. Martin, Associate Superintendent; S. Nosek, Associate Superintendent; I. Kennedy, Director of Instruction; L. Hill, Director of Instruction; Director of Instruction D. Nelson, Director of Instruction S-L. Shortall

A. CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair called the meeting to order and recognized that we are gathered together 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.

She read a joint statement by the West Vancouver Board of Education, the West Vancouver School District, the West Vancouver Teachers' Association, the West Vancouver Administrators' Association and the West Vancouver Municipal Employees' Association.

Like so many, we were sickened by the news that at least 215 children are buried on the grounds of the former Indian residential school in Kamloops. We express our deepest condolences to the generations of families who continue to live with grief wrought by the residential school system.

This is a time to pause and reflect about the lost children, their families, and the devastating effects on Indigenous communities who have and continue to be affected by the legacy of residential schools. It is also a time to deepen our understanding about residential schools and the generational trauma they have caused, and to learn more about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Calls to Action.

We have been in contact with our Squamish Nation partners and Elders and we will continue to work closely with them.

All flags have been lowered to half-mast across the district. Resources will continue to be shared with school counsellors and administrators on grief and trauma, and students are encouraged to reach out for additional support.

We will continue to reflect, learn, take action, and deepen our understanding.

Every Child Matters.

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B. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

“Pivots, Pilots and Pathways” – École Cedardale Elementary

Principal Michelle LaBounty, Vice Principal Kristina Hayes, Grade 1/2 Teacher Lise Cazelaïs, Learning Support Teacher Erin Gleason

Principal Michelle LaBounty, Vice Principal Kristina Hayes, Grade 1/2 teacher Lise Caselaïs and Learning Support Teacher Erin Gleason shared how Ecole Cedardale delivered their French immersion literacy program to students, most in non-French-speaking households, during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as participating in a pilot IB evaluation and self-study.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#1551	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting June 15, 2021 be adopted.
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Carried.

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

No questions or comments from attendees.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting May 18, 2021

#1552	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 18, 2021 be approved.
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Carried.

- General Record May 19, 2021

#1553	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the General Record May 19, 2021 be approved.
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Carried.

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Vice Chair Brown asked for an update on the enrolment for academies and district programs

Director of Instruction Diane Nelson reported that both sports academies and district programs have a healthy enrolment with some of them fully subscribed

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Board Chair Report

Carolyn Broady, Board Chair

Board Chair Broady thanked the district's educators, facilities staff, administrators and leadership team for their dedication to supporting students and families throughout a pandemic. She thanked the families and students for trusting the district to care and support and expressed gratitude to the Provincial Health Officer, the Province and Boards of Education for making it a priority to keep students in school. She congratulated the graduates of 2021 and celebrated their achievements. She reviewed the Boards goals and highlighted the district's ongoing work regarding anti-racism, diversity and inclusion and the reconciliation and healing the district continues to do with our Indigenous and First Nations communities

2. Superintendent Report

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent began with congratulating outgoing WVTA President Renee Willock on her new role and with the BCTF, as well as incoming WVTA President Spencer Capier and Vice President Stephen Price. He noted the WVMEA is currently recruiting a new Business Manager since the retirement of Bruce Scott. He then gave a brief update on several topics.

Regular Enrolment

The 2021-22 enrolment is projected to be slightly lower than the current year's regular enrolment.

Summer Learning Enrolment

With registration just closed, elementary enrolment is slightly lower than previous years and secondary enrolment is up due to the addition of two grade 8 and 9 preview/review sessions.

Technology and Digital Updates

Kumar Lal has joined the district as Manager of Technology and there two roles currently posted. Over the summer, 5-8 sites will undergo a network infrastructure upgrade with the rest projected to be completed over the next 12-18 months. All elementary schools will join the secondary schools to be fully digital with the MYEDBC Family Portal.

COVID-19 / Health Protocols Updates

Current protocols will remain in place through June and through Summer School. Updated detailed guidance from the Ministry is expected and planning for the fall will likely not include the cohort model.

Secondary Programming

Plans for the semester system have begun with a common time table across the district. There will be some linear course options available, and communications have been sent home to families.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion

Diversity and Inclusion Strategist Alden Habacon has been working with the district throughout the year and will be speaking at Opening Day in September. The WVDPAAC hosted a virtual parent event featuring Sempulyan, a residential school survivor. The district is participating in the Indigenous Equity in Action Project which examines Indigenous equity to improve outcomes for Indigenous students and will have a Pro-D day focused on Indigenous education in 2021/22.

June Activities

Secondary graduation videos will be released on Friday, June 18th and elementary schools will celebrate grade 7 farewells with various activities. A district wide drumming event with Bob Baker that schools can attend virtually, will be held on June 28th for National Indigenous Peoples Day.

3. International Education Update

Michael Frankowski, District Administrator – International Programs

International Programs District Administrator Michael Frankowski reflected on the learnings and challenges from the 2020/21 school year and reviewed the FTE projections vs. actual enrolment. He shared student success stories, celebrated some host families and talked about the challenge of finding host families and recruitment initiatives. He previewed the current 2021-22 FTE and explained the changing dynamics that affect enrolment numbers.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Human Resources Committee Meeting – June 01, 2021

Trustee Brown reviewed the minutes of the HR Committee Meeting. Staff hearing tests will take place on June 17th. A video celebrating the district's 22 retirees has been filmed and will be shared later in the week. Morneau Shepell offered a session to explore the content and benefits of the Employee and Family Assistance program. This same session will be offered to union shop stewards and school staff representatives in the fall. As the BCTF/BCPSEA agreement states, local bargaining will start November 1, 2021 and will conclude by March 4, 2022. All bargaining dates have been scheduled with the WVTA.

#1554	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the minutes of the Human Resources Committee meeting held June 01, 2021 be received.	<u>Carried.</u>
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2. Finance + Facilities Committee Meeting – June 8, 2021

Trustee Stevenson reviewed the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting. The major capital project submission will again include seismic upgrades to the interior walls at Sentinel, which have recently been reclassified from H3 to H1 status. Additional proposed projects at West Bay, Caulfeild, Hollyburn, Cypress Park

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and Sentinel were submitted under the School Enhancement Program. The Carbon Neutral Capital Program proposes that several schools undergo the air leakage remediation program and Hollyburn and Lions Bay have been submitted for consideration under the Playground Enhancement Program.

Secretary Treasurer Leiterman reviewed the preliminary budget. She reported that the district will incur an estimated structural deficit of \$2.9M in 2021/22 but should have an estimated \$4.9M in reserves on June 30, 2021 to fund it. She noted that the impact of increased enrolment and decreased spending on COVID-19 related expenses next year, together with the expenses next year, together with possible COVID-19 funding from the provincial government, could potentially reduce this deficit and retain a reserve of approximately 3% of total operating costs.

#1555 MOTION THAT in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No. 45 (*West Vancouver*) hereby approves the proposed Five-Year Capital Plan for 2022/23, as provided on the Five-Year Capital Plan Summary for 2022/23 submitted to the Ministry of Education.

Carried.

#1556 MOTION THAT the Board approve A BYLAW of the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 45 (WEST VANCOUVER) (hereinafter called the "Board") to adopt the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2021/2022 pursuant to Section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. Board has complied with the provisions of the Act respecting the Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 45 (West Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2021/2022.
3. The attached Statement 2 showing the estimated revenue and expense for the 2021/2022 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$88,112,860 for the 2021/2022 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the *Act*.
4. Statement 2, 4 and Schedules 2 to 4 are adopted as the Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2021/2022.

READ A FIRST TIME THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021;

READ A SECOND TIME THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED AND ADOPTED THE 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

Carried.

#1557

MOTION THAT the minutes of the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting held June 08, 2021 be received.

Carried.

I. FOR INFORMATION

[AP250 - Selection of Learning Resources](#)

[AP 510 - Fiscal Management](#)

J. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of the correspondence from the past month is posted online.

K. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

The Chair thanked trustees for their support in the district and community during these strange times.

BCSTA Meeting of Board Chairs	Mayor's Economic Recovery Task
BCSTA Metro Meeting	Force
Coho Society AGM	Post Pandemic Pivot – West
DPAC AGM	Vancouver
ELL Consortium	President's Committee Meeting
Finance & Facilities Committee	Secondary Graduation Speeches
Meeting	Trustee Virtual Visits (various schools)
HR Committee Meeting	VCH Covid updates calls
	WV Library Board Meeting

L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

Renee Willock – President, WVTA

- Thanked Associate Superintendent Kim Martin and Director of HR Stephanie Mascoe their support during her time as president of the WVTA
- Appreciates that the district's ongoing support for teacher's mental wellbeing but voiced concerns about Morneau Shepell as a provider and encouraged the district to take a better look at their program

Board Chair Broady noted that Health Canada will be sharing resources with the school districts in the near future.

M. ADJOURNMENT

6:37 pm

BOARD CHAIR

SECRETARY TREASURER