



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.
Microsoft 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; L. Hill, Director of Instruction; I. Kennedy, Director of Instruction; D. Nelson, Director of Instruction; S-L. Shortall, Director of Instruction

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 began with reading a prepared statement:

In recent weeks the Ministry of Education created an advisory committee to address a potential vaccination mandate for all K-12 staff. This committee is made up of the BC Public School Employer's Association, the Ministry of Education, the BCTF, CUPE, FISA and the BC School Trustees Association. This task force is developing a framework and guidance for boards should a vaccine mandate be implemented. We are looking forward to receiving the guidelines to ensure that we make a thoughtful and informed decision. We want all parents, students and staff to know that we continue to be committed to prioritizing the health and safety of everyone in our community.

B. BOARD HIGHLIGHT

"A Beautiful Place: Outdoor Learning at iDEC" – Caulfeild Elementary

Principal Trevor Kolkea, Vice Principal Christine Hulme, Teachers Danielle Zurowski, Emma Ellis, Lorraine Hartley, Candace Ross, Students Nia S, Anoushka S, Savannah H, Chris W

The digitally enhanced school community of Caulfeild Elementary made the intentional change to shift learning away from screens to the beautiful outdoor grounds of their school campus.

The teachers spoke about their passion for outdoor education and shared how their classes explore the outdoors while using guidebooks or cards that teach Indigenous knowledge and language, uses for local plant life, different types of animal tracks, scavenger hunts and outdoor crafts, as well as an outdoor fieldtrip to Bowen Island that included kayaking and hiking. The outdoor exploration relates to the core competencies, including social and personal problem solving, communicating and critical thinking.

The students explained how learning outdoors allows them to feel refreshed, calm and ready to learn. It allows them to do something that they want to do, while studying at the same time. They shared that it even relaxes their teachers. They talked about their favorite experiences, which included fishing in the creek with sticks for leaves and their field trip to Bowen Island, which gave them insight into the ways of the first inhabitants of the island, the Squamish Nation.

“An Identity Shaping Tradition - Historical Halloween at EHMS” –

Eagle Harbour Montessori

Principal Trevor Kolkea and Vice Principal Debbie Tobin, Students Erik B, Lillian L

The students of Eagle Harbour Montessori explained the school’s tradition called “Historical Halloween”, where the students learn about historical figures that have made a positive difference in the world by sharing their stories as if they were their own. The entire school participates in the tradition every year and as the students grow, so does their participation level. It is a common thread that brings the students together as a learning community. Lillian presented as Marie Curie, the first women to win the Nobel Prize twice and Erik presented as Canadian Computer Scientist James Gosling, who founded the Java programming language. They shared that they chose their figures because they are interested in future careers in science and computers.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#1572	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting October 19, 2021 be adopted.
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Carried.

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

Spencer Capier – President, WVTA

- asked where the Board stands when it comes to a decision on vaccine mandates for teachers

Chair Broady referred to her opening statement, noting that vaccine mandate decisions are currently a local employer/employee level and there is no intention for a Provincial mandate at this time. The West Vancouver School District will continue to wait for guidance from the Ministry of Education working group that includes the BCTF, CUPE,

FISA and the BC School Trustees Association, as well as legal advice. The Board will only move forward once advice is received from these parties.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting September 21, 2021

#1573	<u>MOTION THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 21, 2021 be approved.</u>	<u>Carried.</u>
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- General Record October 19, 2021

#1574	<u>MOTION THAT the Minutes of the General Record October 19, 2021 be approved.</u>	<u>Carried.</u>
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F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Trustee Brown stated that the Ministry of Education is now requiring that HVAC system reports be posted on district websites and asked where parents can find this information.

Superintendent Kennedy replied that COVID-related materials are posted together on the website and the ventilation report has been shared with partner groups and will be posted in the same place if it has not already.

Chair Broady asked if there are currently any classes over 30

Associate Superintendent Nosek reported there are currently no classes over 30.

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. **Framework for Enhanced Student Learning**

Ian Kennedy and Liz Hill, Director of Instruction

Directors of Instruction Liz Hill and Ian Kennedy shared the district's three FESL goals. The first focuses on the sense of belonging and how feeling safe, welcomed, and connected is key to student success. The second focuses on numeracy skills and how they are foundational for success. The final goal looks at how a positive outlook on future career and life goals are important for successful post-secondary transitions. They shared how these goals will guide and direct our district for the next two years and the process they followed to set the three goals and explained the action plan that has been put in place to achieve them. Progress will be monitored and evaluated to ensure student success across the district.

#1575

MOTION THAT the Framework for Enhanced Student Learning 2021 Report be received.

Carried.

2. 1701 Update

Sean Nosek, Associate Superintendent

Associate Superintendent Nosek reviewed the 1701 enrolment report which collects key information that is critical for allocating funds to boards, tracking student movement between schools and districts, monitoring enrolment trends in programs as well as general data summaries. For the school year 2021/22, the regular headcount enrollment is 6772 students, which is slightly down from last year. However, the district is funded by FTE (Full Time Enrolment) and FTE is typically higher than the headcount because many secondary school students take more courses than the standard full-time load of 8 courses. The 2021/22 FTE is 6950, almost exactly the same number as last year. This will be the number the Ministry will use to fund the district. He then reviewed the FTE numbers for each school, as well as enrolment numbers for special education, Indigenous students, Homeschooled students and French immersion.

3. BCSTA Provincial Council

Sheelah Donahue, Trustee

Trustee Donahue explained the purpose of the Provincial Council meetings and previewed the upcoming Provincial Council meeting that will take place on Saturday, October 23rd. She reviewed the three motions on the table. Motion 9.1 Provincial Teacher Shortage, Motion 9.2 Declaration of National Opiate Death Crisis and Motion 9.3 Increased Funding for the Annual Facilities Grant.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. HR Committee Meeting – September 28, 2021

Trustee Donahue reviewed the minutes of the HR Committee meeting held on September 28th which highlighted changes within the HR team, preliminary enrolment for the 2021/22 school year, recruitment, wellness and health and safety, upcoming professional development days and teacher bargaining.

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MOTION THAT the minutes of the HR Committee meeting held September 28, 2021 be received.

Carried.

2. Finance + Facilities Committee Meeting – October 12, 2021

Trustee Block reviewed the minutes of the Finance and Facilities Committee meeting held

on October 12th which highlighted the district's new Long Range Facilities Plan and the Facilities department's summer upgrade projects.

#1577	MOTION THAT the minutes of the Finance & Facilities Committee meeting held October 12, 2021 be received.	Carried.
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I. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

J. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

ADM Meeting BCPSEA Board Chair Call BCSTA Board Chair Call BCSTA Board Chairs Day BCSTA Metro & Fraser Board Chair Meeting with VCH & Fraser Health BCSTA Metro Vancouver Branch Meeting Coho Society of Northshore DPAC Welcome Back Lunch	DPAC Meeting FESL Meetings Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting HR Committee Meeting Ministry Joint Liaison Meeting Presidents Meeting SD45 Flu Clinic VCH Coastal Covid update West Vancouver Indigenous Education Committee Meeting
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K. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

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Julia Leiterman