



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, November 16, 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.

B. BOARD HIGHLIGHT

“ Paddling Together” – West Bay Elementary

Principal Kim Grimwood, Vice Principal Jessica Richardson

Principal Kim Grimwood and Vice Principal Jessica Richardson shared how the staff of West Bay Elementary made the choice to focus on their own wellbeing through intentional connection. The staff were asked to share facts and personal stories about themselves which were then shared with the students through a series of interactive games and activities, reintroducing the teachers to their students. The students had fun learning more about their teachers and the staff built a stronger connection, which has helped them to listen to and look out for one and other.

“ You See ... I See – Purposeful Play and Creativity in the K-3 Classroom” –

Cypress Park Primary

Principal Kim Grimwood, Vice Principal Sara Bell, Teachers Bea Sedgwick, Andrea Anderson, Krista Koke, Jennifer Ross

Teachers Bea Sedgwick, Andrea Anderson, Krista Koke and Jennifer Ross shared what purposeful play and creativity looks like in K-3 at Cypress Park Primary. They explained that play builds students’ attention spans and sustains their focus, as well as developing empathy, reading social cues, problem solving, communication and compromise. Outdoor play can be grounding to learners who struggle within the constraints of a classroom.

The children like that they are able to come up with their own plans and choose what they want to do. They enjoy playing in the forest and at the beach and learning with different materials away from their desks.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Carolyn Broady, Board Chair

#1583	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting November 16, 2021 be adopted.	<u>Carried.</u>
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D. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools

Outgoing Chair Carolyn Broady passed the floor to Superintendent Kennedy for the election Of the Chair of West Vancouver Board of Education for 2021-2022. Superintendent Kennedy called for nominations for Board Chair and Carolyn Broady was nominated by Trustee Block. Nominations were called for a second and third time. There being no further nominations, Superintendent Kennedy asked Trustee Broady if she was prepared to accept the position of Board Chair to which she accepted. Superintendent Kennedy declared Carolyn Broady Chair of the Board of Education 2021-2022 by acclamation.

E. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Kennedy then passed the floor back to the newly re-elected Chair. Chair Broady called for nominations for Board Vice Chair and Trustee Brown nominated Trustee Donahue. Nominations were called for a second and third time. There being no further nominations, Sheelah Donahue was declared Vice Chair of the Board of Education 2021-2022 by acclamation.

F. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

G. APPROVAL OF MEETINGS

- Regular Meeting October 20, 2021

#1584	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 20, 2021 be approved.	<u>Carried.</u>
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- General Record November 16, 2021

#1585	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the General Record November, 2021 be approved.	<u>Carried.</u>
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H. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

I. BOARD BUSINESS

1. English Language Learners Report

Maria Yioldassis, District ELL Coordinator

District ELL Coordinator Maria Yioldassis reported that while the ELL population in West Vancouver Schools has decreased by .05% since October 2020, new reporting will reflect increases at all schools. She spoke to the work that ELL specialists are doing to support both the students and staff by providing temporary scaffolds and adaptations so that all students can access the curriculum. She talked about the West Vancouver School's District Literacy Day, where over 100 district teachers and staff participated, and highlighted the upcoming Literary Speaker Series. She spoke about ongoing and upcoming training initiatives that include inclusive practices under the SLOP umbrella. She continues to work with organizations such as the ELL Trustees Consortium, the ELL Metro Consortium, the ELL Assessment Consortium and the Ministry of Education and gave updates on some of that work.

2. Surplus Policy

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Kennedy gave a brief overview of draft Policy 20, Accumulated Operating Surplus. The draft policy is posted on the website for 60 days so the public can review and offer their feedback. The policy will be reviewed and voted on at the January 2022 Board meeting.

3. BCSTA Provincial Council

Sheelah Donahue

The Provincial Council meeting took place on October 23rd. There were only three motions submitted for consideration, and all were passed by the council and will move forward for consideration by the membership. The motions are: 9.1 Provincial Teacher Shortage, 9.2 Declaration of National Opiate Death Crisis 9.3 Increased Funding for the Annual Facilities Grant . The emergent motion was debated but failed as Council deemed it did not have provincial application. She noted that the next Provincial Council is on February 11, 2022.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. HR Committee Meeting – November 2, 2021

Trustee Brown reviewed the minutes of the November 2nd meeting. Two new secondary teachers were highlighted, Liam Mahon and Kristjana Young. The district is pleased to announce Corrine Kinnon has accepted the role of District Principal of Inclusive Education with a start date of January 1, 2022. The recruitment process for Elementary Vice Principal candidates for future English or French Immersion openings has begun. The role and responsibility of the IT department has expanded to include data, reporting, information technology and web development. Recruitment efforts for EAs have continued. The district held a successful flu vaccination clinic on October 15th and will be sending out a voluntary demographic diversity survey to gain a better understanding of the district's employee demographic baseline.

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MOTION THAT the minutes of the HR Committee meeting held November 2, 2021 be received.

Carried.

2. Finance + Facilities Committee Meeting – November 9, 2021

— November 9 meeting cancelled

K. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

L. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

BCSTA Metro Meeting BCPSEA Symposium Board Chair call with Minister Whiteside Ecole Pauline Johnson Student Pro-D Day ELL Consortium meeting HR Committee Meeting	Meeting with Mayor Booth Meeting with MP Patrick Weiler President’s Committee Remembrance Day Wreath Laying START (School Traffic Advisory Round Table) WVDPAC Meeting
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