



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams

Present: C. Broady, Chair; S. Donahue, Vice Chair; N. Brown, L. Block; 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 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 honor the Elders past, present and future, as we bring this knowledge to the students in the community.

She took a moment to thank district staff members for their hard work adjusting health and safety plans to ensure a safe return to school. She then gave a brief update on COVID-19 related items. The district will receive a supply of rapid antigen tests for all staff members. More information regarding rapid tests for students will be shared in the near future. The Board has requested pediatric vaccination clinics be hosted at our schools for our 5-11 year olds, and the West Vancouver and North Vancouver School Districts will be co-hosting a Town Hall with Dr. Mark Lysyshyn of Vancouver Coastal Health. The federal government has provided funding for ventilation upgrades for K-12 schools, and the West Vancouver Board of Education will provide 5 N95 masks for every staff member, complimenting BCTF's contribution of 2 N95 masks per teacher.

B. BOARD HIGHLIGHT

“Creating a Community of Musicians” - Westcot Elementary

*Principal Catherine Ratz, Vice Principal Tricia Yurkowski, Music & Band Teacher
Tim Mee*

Principal Catherine Ratz and Music & Band Teacher Tim Mee shared the journey that Westcot Elementary students begin in kindergarten, which leads to joining the grades 6 and 7 band. The rehearsals and preparation required for their performances teach the students valuable skills and foster team spirit in the band program.

“Strengthening Community & Connections: a look at École PJ’s inaugural Student Pro-D Day” - École Pauline Johnson

Principal Tara Zielinski, Vice Principal Kirsten Dixon, Teachers Kate Schwartz and Scott Kittredge, Students August, Izzy and Tao

The staff at Ecole Pauline Johnson were invited to hold Pro-D Day workshops for their students based on topics or a personal passion of their choosing. Students selected their top four choices and were able to participate in two of the workshops they selected. The students enjoyed making their own choices based on their own likes and interests and the teachers observed the students connecting with each other in a new way.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#1598	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Agenda of the Regular Meeting January 18, 2022, be adopted.	<u>Carried.</u>
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D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

There were no questions or comments.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting December 14, 2021

#1599	<u>MOTION</u> THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 14, 2021, be approved.	<u>Carried.</u>
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F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

G. BOARD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Protocols / Return to School

1. *Chris Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools*

Superintendent Kennedy gave a brief overview of the revisions to the health & safety protocols since the return to school in January. He explained that all classes are set up to move online should schools need to functionally close due to high absentee rates. He reviewed how the district is monitoring attendance rates for both staff and students.

He highlighted the upcoming professional development day that is dedicated to Indigenous Education. Jo Chrona will be the keynote speaker.

He took a moment to thank the district’s Administrators, who worked through the Christmas break to ensure students had a safe return to school after the extended break.

Board Policy 20

2. *Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer*

Secretary Treasurer Leiterman gave a brief overview of Policy 20, Accumulated Operating Surplus. She noted that the Amended Budget to be presented at the February Finance & Facilities meeting will provide a clear example of this policy.

#1600	<u>MOTION TO adopt Board Policy 20.0 “Accumulated Operating Surplus”.</u>	<u>Carried.</u>
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3. **2022 School Board Elections**

Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer

Secretary Treasurer Leiterman gave a brief overview of the upcoming 2022 School Board Elections, explaining that a motion is required to formally appoint the District of West Vancouver to conduct the election on behalf of the West Vancouver School district.

#1601 **MOTION THAT WHEREAS the Board of Education of School District 45 (West Vancouver)**
is responsible for conducting trustee elections within the School District;
AND WHEREAS the Board of Education wishes to make arrangements for
the conduct of the 2022 general school election;
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that:
The Board of Education agrees that the Chief Elections Officer and Deputy
Chief Elections Officers appointed by the District of West Vancouver will
also act on the Board’s behalf.
The Board of Education hereby authorizes an agreement to be entered
into with the District of West Vancouver in order that the District of West
Vancouver may conduct the 2022 school trustee election on behalf of the
Board of Education and the Secretary Treasurer is authorized to execute
and deliver that agreement.

Carried.

4. Playground Grant
Carolyn Broady, Board Chair

Chair Broady announced that Gleneagles Ch’axá’y Elementary was awarded
the District Annual Playground Grant of \$10 000.

5. BCSTA AGM
Carolyn Broady, Board Chair

Chair Broady noted that the BCSTA AGM is scheduled April 21-24 and that
any substantive motions the Board would like to put forward must be
approved at the February Board meeting.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting – January 11, 2022
- January 11 meeting cancelled

I. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of Board correspondence is posted online.

J. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

K. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS PERIOD (10 minutes)

There were no questions or comments.

L. ADJOURN

Julia Leiterman