



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Present: C. Broady, Chair; N. Brown, Vice Chair; L. Block, D. Stevenson, F. Zhu, Trustees;
C. Kennedy, Superintendent; L. Hill, Assistant Superintendent; J. Leiterman, Secretary
Treasurer

A. 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

Gleneagles & Lions Bay – Without the Arts, It’s Not Education

Robyn Evans, Principal; Alysha Philips, Vice Principal (GE), Natalie Mendes, Vice Principal (LB); Taylor McIntyre, Teacher, along with grade 2 Lions Bay student and Gleneagles grade 7 students

Gleneagles showcased its vibrant arts program, including visual arts, music, dance, and drama which serve as a bridge connecting the students and staff to the space and nature that surrounds them. The program encompasses both academic and artistic development and fosters a strong sense of community and belonging.

Vice Principal Mendes (LB) spoke about their Forest Mural Project, which features wooden plaques adorned with images of indigenous trees and leaves along the fence surrounding their school property.

Pauline Johnson

Building an Inclusive, Joyful, and Thinking Math Community Through Problem Solving

Principal Tara Zielinski, VP Cindy Stevenson, Grade 6/7 Teacher Nina Parr, and students

Principal Zielinski introduced Mme. Parr, whose aim is to foster a growth mindset in Mathematics by providing rich, engaging mathematical tasks and purposeful group work that helps set students up for success. Her program aims to instill a sense of curiosity and confidence in the students through interactive activities and real-world examples, encouraging them to embrace the challenges of math with open minds.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1690 **MOTION THAT** the Agenda of the Regular Meeting October 17, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting September 19, 2023

1691 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting September 19, 2023, be approved.

Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Vice Chair Brown wanted to know if the Feeding Futures program had yet started, as the Minutes stated mid-October.
- Superintendent Kennedy responded that the K-3 program is set to launch in the upcoming week, along with the program at Inglewood Secondary and the Connect Programs at the secondary level.

G. BOARD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent

Superintendent Kennedy announced the launch of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, which begins with the Board's vision statement: "We aspire to provide the finest educational experience in the country for the benefit of our children, our employees, our community, and the world." The Board's plan centres around three core objectives: Educational Excellence, Visionary Leadership, and Successful Transitions. The [Strategic Plan](#) is currently available on the district's website.

1692 **MOTION THAT** the West Vancouver Board of Education Strategic Plan 2023-2027 be approved.

Carried

Enrolment Report

Liz Hill, Assistant Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Hill discussed the district's recent 1701 report submission to the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The collected information is critical for allocating funds, tracking student movement between schools, monitoring enrolment trends in programs, and provides overall demographic summaries for both the Board and schools.

Framework for Enhanced Student Learning (FESL)

Liz Hill, Assistant Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Hill unveiled the new three-year Framework for Enhanced Learning plan, crafted in conjunction with the Board's three-year strategic plan. The FESL is designed to enhance student outcomes and ensure continuous improvement throughout the educational

system. Its three primary goals centre around Career Development, Intellectual Development, and Human and Social Development. The complete FESL plan is now available for public access on the district's [website](#).

Provincial Council

Lynne Block, School Trustee

Trustee Block reported on the April 2023 Provincial Council meeting and will be attending the next Provincial Council meeting in October.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Human Resources Committee Meeting – October 3, 2023

Trustee Brown summarized the Human Resources Committee meeting, covering recruitment and staffing strategies, the ongoing commitment to employee well-being, whistleblower protections under the new Public Interest Disclosure Act, the requirements of the new Pay Transparency Act, and initiatives to enhance language diversity and inclusion in French Immersion recruitment.

1693 MOTION THAT the minutes for the Human Resources Committee meeting held on October 3, 2023, be received.

Carried

I. FOR INFORMATION

Board Policy 1 – Foundational Statements – to be posted for feedback
Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board – to be posted for feedback

J. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of board correspondence is posted online.
<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/board-correspondence>

K. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

➤ Annual Civic Reception	➤ Impact North Shore AGM
➤ BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting	➤ Management Competencies Meeting
➤ Board Chair Meeting with Mayor	➤ Rotary Club of West Vancouver Sunrise Meeting
➤ Capilano Site Tour (Early Childcare)	➤ UBCM with Mayor and Council
➤ DPAC General Meeting	➤ Welcome Back BBQs at Elementary School
➤ DPAC Welcome Luncheon	

L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

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