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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, November 21, 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; S. Shortall, Director of Instruction

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

West Vancouver Secondary – Lest We Forget

Principal Steve Rauh

West Vancouver Secondary students teamed up with the West Vancouver Cemetery, with support from the local legion, to revitalize 1000 weathered white crosses, a symbol of remembrance. This annual tradition, now in its sixth year, remains a source of pride for those involved.

The cemetery's caretaker expressed profound gratitude, acknowledging the crosses deeper meaning to the community.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1696 **MOTION THAT** the adopted Agenda of the Regular Meeting November 21, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

D. ELECTION of CHAIR and VICE CHAIR

Julia Leiterman, Secretary-Treasurer

Carolyn Broady and Nicole Brown were nominated and confirmed for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

E. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

- WVTA President Spencer Capier offered his congratulation to Chair Broady and Vice Chair Brown on their acclamation to the Board.
- Mr. Capier expressed enthusiasm upon hearing that the West Vancouver Place for Sports is moving forward and wanted to address concerns related to accessing the property for both staff and students.
- Chair Broady confirmed that Secretary-Treasurer Leiterman has been working closely with the municipality on the project; however, it will be the municipality that is responsible for all the traffic-related questions that may arise from the public. Principal Rauh will be informing his staff about accessing the site as the construction progresses and the project develops.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting October 17, 2023

1697 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting October 17, 2023, be approved.

Carried

G. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Chair Broady asked Assistant Superintendent Hill about classes exceeding 30 students.

Assistant Superintendent Hill said that there are presently 10 classes at the secondary level with more than 30 students, but most of these classes will resolve naturally as students move or withdraw.

H. BOARD BUSINESS

Feeding Futures Initiative

Sandra Lynn Shortall, Director of Instruction; Christine Hulme, District Feed Futures Initiative Coordinator / Vice Principal Cypress Park; Laine Anderson, District Vice Principal- ELCC

Director of Instruction Shortall introduced the Feeding Futures Initiative, which ensures that all students in every school district across the province of BC have equitable access to nutritious food and can confidentially access it without any barriers.

West Vancouver Schools launched the program focusing on six key areas, which include the Secondary School's Connect Program, Inclusive Access Points, Indigenous Program, Inglewood Foods Program, District Food Security Plan, and the K-3 Universal Snack Program.

Teacher Mentorship/New Teacher Support

Michelle LaBounty, District Principal of Teaching and Learning; Alexandra Bleim, Jessica Ferguson, and Kirsten Little, Teachers.

Principal LaBounty presented on the district's mentorship program, which is an innovative partnership between the WVTA and the School District that aligns with the Board's Strategic Plan and the Framework for Enhanced Student Learning.

Provincial Council Update

Lynne Block, School Trustee

Trustee block commented on the various committee reports that were covered at the Provincial Council meeting held in November.

West Vancouver Place for Sports

Carolyn Broady, Board Chair

Chair Broady shared that the West Vancouver Place for Sports project received a green light from the municipal council during their Monday, November 20 meeting. A ground-breaking ceremony was subsequently held earlier today, and construction work will begin on Monday, November 27. Project completion is scheduled for fall 2025.

1699 MOTION to compose and send thank you letters to those involved in the West Vancouver Place for Sports Project.
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Carried

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting– November 21, 2023

- West Vancouver Place for Sports
- HVAC Maintenance RFP
- Gleneagles Retaining Wall
- Review of Facilities Department Projects

Trustee Stevenson provided an overview of the four agenda items discussed at the last Finance & Facilities meeting. This included the municipal council's approval of the West Vancouver Place for Sports project.

1698 MOTION THAT the Minutes for the Finance & Facilities meeting held November 21, 2023, be received.

Carried

J. FOR INFORMATION

- Administrative Procedure 150 - Public Interest Disclosure
- Board Policy 3 – Role of the Superintendent – to be posted for feedback
- Board Policy 4 – Role of the Trustee – to be posted for feedback

K. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of board correspondence is posted online.

<http://westvancouver.schools.ca/board-correspondence>

L. TRUSTEE MEETINGS & EVENTS

<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ BCSPSEA Symposium➤ BCSTA Advocacy Day➤ BCSTA Metro Meeting➤ BCSTA Provincial Council➤ Board Chair & Village of Lions Bay Meeting➤ DPAC General Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Harris & Co Legal Seminar➤ New Parent Info Session at the Kay Meek➤ North Shore Table Matters Network Event➤ Presidents Meeting➤ Remembrance Day Assemblies➤ Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Cenotaph➤ START (School Traffic and Safety Meeting)➤ WVSS Fall Concert at the Kay Meek
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M. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes) 7:30

N. ADJOURN 7:40

Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer