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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

West Vancouver School Board Office

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Present: C. Broady, Chair; N. Brown, Vice Chair; L. Block, F. Zhu, Trustees; D. Stevenson, Trustee (via MS Teams)
C. Kennedy, Superintendent; L. Hill, Assistant Superintendent; J. Leiterman, Secretary
Treasurer; I. Kennedy, S. Shortall, Directors 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

Inglewood Secondary – Take-a-Hike

Principal Corrine Kinnon

Principal Kinnon and staff from Inglewood Secondary, which includes a mental health clinician, introduced their alternative education programs tailored to students who may have faced challenges in traditional secondary school environments. Inglewood offers two distinct academic paths: RISE (**R**esponsive **I**nclusive **S**econdary **E**ducation) and Take a Hike, offered in partnership with the Take a Hike Foundation. Inglewood's educational objectives encompass but are not limited to:

- Increasing student attendance and fostering active engagement.
- Empowering students to improve their mental and physical health and well-being.
- Improving student academic achievements, thereby advancing progress towards graduation.
- Providing opportunities for land-based and experiential learning.

C. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

1700 **MOTION THAT** the revised Agenda of the Regular Meeting December 19, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

D. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 minutes)

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting November 21, 2023

1701 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 21, 2023, be approved.

Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- Trustee Brown requested a status update regarding the retaining wall at Gleneagles Elementary.
- Secretary-Treasurer Leiterman confirmed that geo-technical engineers have assessed the site and confirmed that the safety precautions and temporary remediation steps are secure. The facilities team is working with our insurance adjuster with respect to a permanent solution and work will begin once the formal report from the engineers has been received. Until then access to the affected portable has been restricted and unsafe areas have been roped off.
- Chair Broady asked Assistant Superintendent Hill for an update on classes over 30.
- Assistant Superintendent Hill reported a positive trend in classes sizes with over 30 students since the last update, noting a decrease from 10 -6, and further reductions anticipated.

G. BOARD BUSINESS

1. Approval of Board Policies

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent

Superintendent Kennedy presented the two updated Board Polices (1&2), which were approved by the board.

Policy 1 – Foundational Statements

1702 **MOTION** to adopt the revised Board Policy 1 – Foundational Statements.

Carried

Policy 2 – Role of the Board

1703 **MOTION** to adopt the revised Board Policy 2 – Role of the Board.

2. Information Technology Updates

Peter McGrath, Manager of Information Technology

Mr. McGrath delivered an update on his department's IT Project Roadmap spanning 2021--2024. The presentation focused on the following key points:

- Alignment with the department's vision.
- Emphasis on stakeholder engagement.
- Prioritization of helpdesk tickets.
- Establishment of roadmaps.
- Creation and maintenance of implementation plans.
- Team dedication to common goals.
- Standardization of operation procedures.

The IT department upholds the district's vital infrastructure and focuses on futureproofing by ensuring systems meet the district's needs for years to come.

3. Teaching, Learning, Technology, and Innovation

Cari Wilson, District Vice Principal of Innovation and Technology

Ms. Wilson introduced Book Creator, an application that is user friendly for kindergarten students, while also providing the necessary complexities for higher grades and even enough for teachers to build tech-based books for entire classes.

The newly introduced course, "Cybersecurity and AI", was discussed. This course is offered to students in grades 11 & 12 across all three secondary schools.

Robotics was featured, highlighting the introduction of a new underwater robot course starting in the new year and highlighted initiatives to encourage more girls to participate.

Lastly, the presentation covered Privacy Impact Assessments, necessary to meet the Ministry of Education and Child Care's mandate for transparency regarding the use of digital tools in classrooms.

4. PISA – Programme for International Student Assessment

Chris Kennedy, Superintendent

Superintendent Kennedy provided an overview of the 2023 PISA report, offering context for the statistical findings. These assessments measure the proficiency of 15-year-olds worldwide in applying their knowledge and skills across reading, mathematics, and science.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Human Resources Committee Meeting – November 29, 2023

- Employee Spotlight
- WorkSafe BC Updates
- Recruitment and Staffing Updates
- Health, Safety and Wellness Updates
- BCPSEA Review
- Provincial Job Evaluation Update

Trustee Brown provided an overview of the agenda items covered in the recent Human Resources meeting. Notable was the BCPSEA announcement that the provincial parties have agreed to begin local teacher bargaining starting in November 2024.

1704 **MOTION THAT** the Minutes for the Human Resources Committee meeting held November 29, 2023, be received.

Carried

I. FOR INFORMATION

Board Policy 8 – Board Operations – 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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ BCSTA Fall Academy➤ BCPSEA Bargaining Update➤ DPAC General Meeting➤ DPAC Holiday Luncheon➤ District Honour Choir Concert | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ District Holiday Party➤ North Shore Standing Committee on Substance➤ School Holiday Concerts➤ Presidents Meeting➤ Stream All Keepers Celebration |
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L. QUESTION & COMMENT PERIOD (10 Minutes)

M. ADJOURN

Julia Leiterman, Secretary Treasurer