

## School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) held in the Theatre of Sutherland Secondary at 1860 Sutherland Avenue in North Vancouver, British Columbia on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

**PRESENT:** J. Thornthwaite, Chairperson  
S. Skinner, Vice-Chairperson  
H. Back  
L. Buchanan  
B. Forward  
F. Stratton  
M. Tasi

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### A.1. Call to Order

Chairperson Thornthwaite called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by B Forward

that the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be amended to defer Item B1 and Item B2 to a Public Board meeting in June, 2009; and

that the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be reordered as follows:

- B.1. Secondary School Apprenticeship Scholarships Presentation
- B.2. Presentation from Balmoral School Response Coordinating Team
- B.3. Presentation from Carson Graham School Response Coordinating Team
- B.4. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Balmoral Secondary School Closure Bylaw 2012
- C.1. North Vancouver Teachers' Association Budget Presentation
- C.2. 2009/10 Annual Operating Budget Bylaw

Seconded by S Skinner

Carried

### A.3. Public Comment Period

The ten-minute comment period is intended to be restricted to items on this evening's Board Agenda. The Chair requested that those wishing to speak should sign on the Public Comment Sign-Up Sheet and that each individual would be limited to two minutes.

Tina Arnold, a parent of children at both Balmoral and Carson Graham, spoke in favour of the consolidation of Balmoral with Carson Graham and believes it is an opportunity to consolidate the community along the Lonsdale corridor.

Elizabeth McLenehan, a teacher at the Lucas Centre for Continuing Education, spoke of her concern regarding the proposed reconfiguration of High School Completion (HSC) and Distributed Learning (DL) course offerings and the possible impact on marginalized students on and off the North Shore.

Suzanne Thorpe, a Braemar parent, expressed her concern about the closure/consolidation of Balmoral with Carson Graham and specifically the Policy 610 process.

### **A.3. Public Comment Period (continued)**

Urmilla Merteigh expressed her concern regarding the daycare currently run by North Shore Neighbourhood House at Balmoral Secondary which will be discontinued due to the classroom space being required during the Carson Graham rebuild.

Kristen Shaw, spoke in favour of the Balmoral/Carson Graham consolidation and relayed the positive benefits she gained from attending a secondary school in Ontario that consolidated the year prior to her attendance. Ms Shaw, a graduate of the International Baccalaureate (IB) program in West Vancouver expressed her excitement that the IB program will soon be offered by the North Vancouver School District.

Rick Danyluk spoke to increasing the participation targets for students in the North Vancouver School District with the suggestion of more emphasis in marketing.

Mark Johnston, a teacher at Continuing Education, urged the Board to reconsider the proposed changes to the High School Completion program.

Rosemary Renstad expressed her concern regarding the Balmoral/Carson Graham consolidation and summarized the benefits of a small school setting.

### **A.4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved by S Skinner

that the minutes of the public meeting of April 28, 2009 be approved as circulated.

Seconded by F Stratton

Carried

### **B.1. Secondary School Scholarships Presentation**

Superintendent of Schools John Lewis introduced Chris Hough, District Facilitator of Secondary School Apprenticeships.

In attendance, the following graduates were presented by Mr Hough to the Board and received their scholarships each in the amount of \$1000 provided by the Ministry of Education:

- James Bell, a graduate from Windsor Secondary School, is currently employed by the North Vancouver School District as an apprentice electrician.
- Ryan Jack, a graduate from Carson Graham Secondary School who completed his apprenticeship in carpentry. Ryan is currently employed at the Vancouver Airport but is hoping to soon return to the construction trade.
- Nick Martin, a graduate from Carson Graham Secondary School, continues his chef training at the Cactus Club in North Vancouver.
- Kevin Van Der Berg, a graduate from Sutherland Secondary School, continues to train as an apprentice cabinetmaker with Topnotch Woodworking Ltd. located in North Vancouver.
- Nathan Wright, a graduate from Argyle Secondary School, continues to pursue his interest in metalwork at Mantech Enterprises, a very high tech fabricating company in North Vancouver.

Unable to attend, but also honoured:

- Adam Lofting, a graduate from Argyle Secondary School, has just completed a level of carpentry technical training at BCIT.

Chair Thornthwaite extended congratulations to all of the students and also thanked all the teachers and counselors in the School District who have contributed to their success. Superintendent Lewis congratulated Chris Hough, District Facilitator of Secondary School Apprenticeships, on his "graduation" into retirement after thirty-five years with the School District.

## **B.2. Presentation from Balmoral School Response Coordinating Team**

Prior to the introduction of this agenda item, Chairperson Thornthwaite advised that clarification had been sought regarding possible trustee conflict of interest concerning the evening's amended agenda items B.4. to B.6. and item C.1. Confirmation had been received by legal counsel that all Trustees were able to participate in discussions and decisions with regards to the proposed Balmoral/Carson Graham consolidation as well as approval of the budget.

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young introduced the agenda item referencing the Board motion of March 10, 2009 to investigate the closure of Balmoral Junior Secondary School and consolidation with Carson Graham Secondary School and commence public consultation with the affected communities. The implementation of the 610 process public consultation included the establishment of a Response Team comprised of Balmoral Secondary parent representatives.

Chair Thornthwaite invited to the table the representatives of the Balmoral School Response Coordinating Team and noted that there would be two presentations representing both the "pro-consolidation" and "keep Balmoral open" responses.

The Balmoral School Response Coordinating Team's Pro-Consolidation presentation to the Trustees included the following points:

- Quality in education means providing extensive and varied choices to students;
- 1,100 is an ideal size for a secondary school;
- Consolidation of Balmoral and Carson Graham secures the future through a "best of both schools" approach and provides for cost-savings to the School District from the closure of Balmoral;
- Dismantling, reallocating or reorganizing other programs in other secondary schools is not an acceptable option for maintaining Balmoral; and
- Students in the Lonsdale corridor deserve the benefits now of a safe and technologically advanced school.

The presentation on behalf of the community in favour of keeping Balmoral open drew attention to the School District's current financial situation, the decrease in enrolment; participation rates; and capital funding. Highlights from the presentation also included the following points:

- The challenges of the 610 process, including time constraints and communication.
- Suggested options to keep Balmoral Secondary open included: the launch of a Middle School (grades 7-9) in 2012 with IB Middle Years Program (MYP); shift Grade 7's to Balmoral to open up space for all-day K in the feeder schools; create a senior cohort at Grade 10 rather than Grade 11 at Carson Graham; increase international student registration.
- Creating partnerships with other schools, community, sport and business organizations to increase capacity utilization at Balmoral.

Trustees thanked the presenters for their time and commitment. The presenters as well as senior administration responded to questions from the Trustees regarding: Balmoral's building operating costs would be absorbed by whatever program moving into that facility; ongoing work of the transportation committee to be implemented in the transition phase; current International enrolment and challenge of increasing enrolment during current economic situation; concern with "Choice" suggestion to realign grade seven classes into middle school; and if optimum secondary school capacity would be between 1100 and 1300.

Superintendent Lewis clarified school/municipality participation rates; 82% of North Vancouver school age residents attend North Vancouver public schools whereas 77% of West Vancouver school age residents attend West Vancouver public schools.

Moved by L Buchanan

that the Board receive the report of the Balmoral Response Coordinating Team.

Seconded by B Forward

Carried

### **B.3. Presentation from Carson Graham School Response Coordinating Team**

The implementation of the Policy 610 process public consultation included the establishment of a Response Team comprised of Carson Graham Secondary parent representatives.

Chairperson Thornthwaite invited to the table Don Maunders who spoke on behalf of the Carson Graham School Response Team. Mr Maunders noted that the majority of the team participated in 2007 on either the Balmoral Response Team (BRT) or Carson Response Team (CRT) and have stayed involved through "*The Sustaining Schools Working Committee*" and the "*Towards the Future for Schools*" roundtable discussions.

The Carson Graham Response Team acknowledged the financial reality that school districts province wide face and the need for new, sustainable and well-structured facilities throughout the School District. In support of the Balmoral/Carson Graham consolidation, the Team provided the following reasons why an 1100 student Carson would best serve the students in the Lonsdale corridor:

1. Provides a clean, safe and inspiring environment for all;
2. Provides a superior state-of-the-art learning environment for teachers and students;
3. Allows for an inclusive, integrated Grades 8-12 International Baccalaureate (IB) School;
4. Provides programming and program options not possible in an 800 or a 350 student setting;
5. Provides for diversity of athletic and extra curricular programs;
6. Creates a community of students for five full years; and
7. Leverages the cultural diversity at Carson.

At the conclusion of the presentation; Mr Maunders and senior staff responded to Trustees' questions/comments regarding optimal size for Carson Graham; allocation of additional funds to build to 1100 capacity; the difference in dialogue between 2007 and 2009 processes and the current increased opportunities for community involvement; clarification by Superintendent Lewis that class size will be set at 2008/09 level for the 2009/10 school year but budgetary reductions will have impact across the School District.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Thornthwaite thanked the members of the Response Team for coordinating the Carson Graham Secondary responses.

Moved by L Buchanan

that the Board receive the report of the Carson Graham Response Coordinating Team.

Seconded by S Skinner

Carried

### **B.4. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Balmoral Secondary School Closure Bylaw 2012**

The Board received with its agenda a copy of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Balmoral Secondary School Closure Bylaw 2012.

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young introduced this agenda item by reviewing the consultation process to date and the steps involved in the Policy 610 process.

Secretary Treasurer Young read in full the School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Balmoral Secondary School Closure Bylaw 2012.

Through Trustees' questions to staff, the following were discussed: size of the Carson school building needs to be decided to provide direction to the architects; transition of students from Carson Graham to Balmoral during construction will take place whether it is an 800 capacity school or an 1100 capacity school; options for secondary students that want a small school experience and the ability to support alternate programs; use of facilities identified and determined through the *Sustaining Schools Working Committee* (SSWC) mechanism; and the ability to communicate and look at the means to address the concerns of the individual student.

**B.4. School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Balmoral Secondary School Closure Bylaw 2012 (continued)**

Moved by L Buchanan

that School District No.44 (North Vancouver) Balmoral Secondary School Closure Bylaw 2012 be read a first time;

Seconded by H Back

Carried

Moved by L Buchanan

that School District No.44 (North Vancouver) Balmoral Secondary School Closure Bylaw 2012 be read a second time.

Seconded by S Skinner

Carried

Any additional information from the Response Teams will be incorporated into the *Superintendent's Report* to be presented at the next Public Board meeting prior to the third reading of the school closure bylaw. The Public Board meeting of June 9, 2009 has been rescheduled to Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Sutherland Secondary Theatre.

Notice of Motion:

In the event that the third reading of the School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Balmoral Secondary School Closure Bylaw 2012 is passed and adopted at the June 11, 2009 Public Board meeting; the following notice of motion was introduced by Trustee Forward to be included as a Public Board agenda item for that meeting.

that the Board establish a North Vancouver School District Balmoral Research Team to investigate the future use of Balmoral; and

that this committee/team be formed in September 2009 and be tasked with presenting options and a plan beyond June 2012 for Balmoral as a Community Hub and Centre for Educational Diversity and Choice.

**C.1. North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTa) Budget Presentation**

Chairperson Thornthwaite invited to the table Linda Watson, NVTa President, and Dan Storms, NVTa Vice-President. Distributed at the meeting were copies of the BC Teachers' Federation pamphlet entitled: "The *numbers* tell the story – Education funding in BC".

Ms Watson and Mr Storms spoke to the difficulties faced by School District 44 and school districts across the province to meet budgetary demands; the widening funding gap; and BC's education funding in comparison to the rest of Canada. The NVTa executive, in closing, requested the Board submit a "needs budget" to the Ministry.

Trustees thanked Ms Watson and Mr Storms for their presentation. Superintendent Lewis noted that discussion of a "needs/opportunity" budget would be on the agenda of the next *Presidents' Council* meeting scheduled on June 2, 2009.

**C.2. 2009/10 Annual Operating Budget Bylaw**

Trustees received with their agendas copies of the Annual Budget Bylaw and the Draft 2009/10 Annual Operating Budget.

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young presented the Draft 2009/10 Annual Operating Budget in the amount of \$136,907,773 in the form specified by the Minister. As required by Section 111(2) of the School Act, the Draft 2009/10 Annual Operating Budget must balance estimated expenditures to forecasted revenues from all sources. The Board's budget bylaw must be adopted on or before June 30, 2009.

## **C.2. 2009/10 Annual Operating Budget Bylaw (continued)**

The Secretary Treasurer reported that an extensive budget process was undertaken with community involvement at a series of Finance and Facilities Standing Committee meetings; through participation in the Budget Tier Working Groups; and feedback from the first and second drafts of the Budget Tier Working Group Report.

After considering the feedback from the April 7th and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 Finance and Facilities Standing Committee meetings, and taking into account the Board's April 28<sup>th</sup> direction, the proposed budget, as noted by the Secretary Treasurer, incorporates all budget proposals in the second draft of the Budget Tier Working Groups except the savings identified as possible through the closure of Plymouth. Further, the following guiding principles were established by the Executive Committee to further facilitate balancing the budget.

- Workforce contraction through retirements and leaves, where possible
- Achieve further reduction through non-replacements during 2009/10
- Implement short-term measures that can be 're-instated' in future
- Identify measures that may be sustained in subsequent years
- Maintain a realistic approach to projected revenues
- Strive to protect educational leadership provided through administrative work
- Strive to maintain positive district directions and momentum
- Strive to protect the delivery of instruction at the classroom level

Georgia Allison, Director of Financial Services, was invited to the table to present the budget in more detail. Ms Allison distributed copies of the document entitled "2009-2010 Preliminary Budget Notes and Assumptions" and provided an overview of this year's difficult budgeting process where the School District was faced with a forecasted loss in revenue of approximately \$2M. Highlights of the draft 2009-2010 budget include:

- The School District has reduced Full-time Equivalents (FTE's) by a total of 49.20 FTE's which equates to a 3% overall decrease in FTE's. This includes a reduction in Teachers (NVTAs) of 3.01%, a reduction of Administrators of 7.17% and a reduction in Support Staff (CUPE, Exempt Staff) of 3.05%. Even with these reductions, the 2009/10 Salaries and benefits are 89.92% of the overall budget versus 87.46% reflected in the 2008/09 Final Budget.
- The budget for services (Advertising, Audit, Consulting, Legal, phones/photocopying, for example) will be decreased by \$629,033 compared to the 2008/09 Amended Budget.
- Two bus route contracts to be cancelled for 2009/10 and the School District's buses will be utilized where possible.
- Supply expenditures are budgeted to be \$1,178,589 less in 2009/10.
- Capital Assets – the Library Automation project will be completed in 2009/10; no additional capital leases are planned.

Secretary Treasurer Young read in full the School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010.

Trustees' questions/comments directed to senior administration included: decline in Continuing Education student enrolment due to discontinuance of General Interest and Vocational programming; analysis of wage settlement funding; rental lease revenue increase; and the need for advocacy regarding funding. In response to a question regarding budget impact on programming at Continuing Education, Superintendent Lewis confirmed that there would be no change in delivery of Youth Learning Centre (YLC) courses. However, staffing of High School Completion (HSC) and Distributed Learning (DL) will be adjusted due to a reconfiguration of the programs. In addition, administration has been reduced from two to one administrator at Continuing Education for next year. It was noted that Ministry funding for adults is limited to \$4,004 per pupil, which drives class sizes larger to ensure class cost recovery.

**C.2. 2009/10 Annual Operating Budget Bylaw (continued)**

Moved by L Buchanan

that School District No.44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2009/10 be read a first time;

Seconded by B Forward

Carried

Moved by L Buchanan

that School District No.44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2009/10 be read a second time;

Seconded by F Stratton

Carried

The Board unanimously agreed to proceed to a third reading of the bylaw.

Moved by L Buchanan

that School District No.44 (North Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2009/10 be read a third time, passed and adopted the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

Seconded by H Back

Carried

Moved by B Forward

that the Board of Education extend the evening's meeting past 10:00 pm.

Seconded by F Stratton

Carried

**C.3. Approval of Five-Year Capital Plan Summary (2009/10)**

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young introduced this agenda item and presented the Five-Year Capital Plan (Year 2009/10), which identifies high priority capital projects in the School District. The priorities identified in the 2009/10 Capital Plan have been reviewed by and confirmed with the School District's Capital Planning Committee. Taking into account the School District's long-range facilities plan as well as the outcomes of consultation from the *Towards the Future for Schools* meeting series, the capital plan confirms that the School District's highest priority remains the replacement of Argyle Secondary School. The second highest priority is the replacement of Seymour Heights School, which incorporates the concept of consolidating Plymouth and Blueridge Schools into a larger Seymour Heights School. The next highest priorities are the replacement of Handsworth Secondary School and Lynnour Elementary Schools. A number of seismic projects (Ross Road, Montroyal and Braemar) are included as priorities due to their high seismic risk.

Ian Abercrombie, Director of Facilities and Planning, was invited to the table and distributed an updated version to the *Five-Year Capital Plan Year (2009/10) Summary* that was included in the Trustee agenda package.

Moved by S Skinner

that the Board approve the May 26, 2009 Amended Five-Year Capital Plan (2009/10) as outlined in the summary attached to Schedule C3 of May 26, 2009 Board Agenda.

Seconded by L Buchanan

Carried

**C.4. Elementary School Fees 2009/10**

Trustees received with their agendas copies of *Policy 706: School Fees* and the *Schedule of Elementary School Fees 09/10* for North Vancouver School District. Superintendent John Lewis introduced this item and advised that boards of education may charge fees to students and parents for goods and services provided by the Board in accordance with the *School Act* [s. 82].

Zone Assistant Superintendent Bryn Roberts was invited to the table to respond to questions. The North Vancouver School District (NVSD) Board of Education has developed *Policy 706: School Fees*, which incorporates the requirements and provisions of the legislation.

**C.4. Elementary School Fees 2009/10 (continued)**

In accordance with this policy, NVSD elementary schools have established, reviewed and submitted their schedule of supplementary fees for the 2009/10 school year.

Moved by B Forward

that the Board receive the *Schedule of Elementary School Fees 09/10*, as presented at this Public Board Meeting on May 26, 2009.

Seconded by L Buchanan

Carried

**C.5. Tuesday, April 21, 2009 Meeting of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee**

Copies of the meeting notes from the April 21, 2009 meeting of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee were included in the Trustees' agenda packages. Noting that the meeting took place at Sutherland Secondary; Trustee Stratton, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee, then reported on its highlights. It was recommended that there be an earlier start in the budget planning process for 2010/11.

**C.6. Tuesday, May 5, 2009 Meeting of the Education and Programs Standing Committee**

Copies of the meeting notes from the May 5, 2009 meeting of the Education and Programs Standing Committee were included in the Trustees' agenda packages. Trustee Buchanan, Acting Chair of the Education and Programs Standing Committee, reported on highlights of the meeting, which focused on early learning initiatives. The agenda for the June 2, 2009 meeting will focus on social and verbal bullying.

**C.7. Out of Country Field Trips - Secondary**

Provided for their information, Trustees received in their agenda packages an overview of out of country field trips that are being planned for secondary school students as follows:

- Keith Lynn Alternative School – field trip to the Oregon Coast, USA (May 17 - 22, 2009)
- Windsor House – field trip to Portland, Oregon, USA (May 3 – 8, 2009)
- Handsworth Secondary School – field trip to Spain (June 26 – July 9, 2009)

**C.8. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent of Schools John Lewis advised that the report would be electronically distributed to the Trustees at the end of the week as well as being available on the School District website. The Superintendent reported on:

- Celebrating Anne – Tuesday, June 9, 2009 is the School District's Annual Elementary Track and Field event at Swangard Stadium. After a thirty-five year career with the NV School District and coordinating the Elementary Track and Field Program, Anne Stevenson will be retiring.
- People's Powwow – Co-hosted by North Vancouver School District and the Tsleil-Waututh Nation; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Peoples' Powwow will take place on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Tsleil-Waututh Nation Culture Centre.
- Salmon Enhancement – during April and May, North Vancouver students released approximately 2100 salmon fry into creeks and streams on the North Shore.
- Civic Youth Awards – during Youth Week, May 1 to 7, 2009, North Vancouver students were recognized for their outstanding community involvement and citizenship. Awards were presented at the City of North Vancouver's annual Youth Awards ceremony.

**C.9. Trustees' Reports**

Trustees reported on their activities on behalf of the Board as follows:

### **C.9. Trustees' Reports (continued)**

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
  - Education & Programs Standing Committee
  - Capital Planning Committee
  - Policy 801/805 Sub-Committee
  - Policy 102/104 Sub-Committee
  - PAC Meetings – Canyon Heights, Plymouth, Sutherland
  - Trustees – Informal meeting at Carson Graham
  - Meeting with Carson Response Team
  - Meeting with Senior Administration
  - Board planning meeting
  - In-Camera and Public Board meetings
  - City of North Vancouver Parks and Environment Advisory Committee meeting
  - Balmoral Choice Information meeting
  - Aboriginal Education Advisory Council meeting
  - Inclusion Committee meeting
  - School visits - Third Step Program
  - Balmoral Response Team meetings
  - Ridgeway Annex meetings
  - NV Parent Advisory Council meeting
  - Family Court Youth Justice Committee meeting
  - Meeting with Balmoral group of concerned parents re possible school closure
  - Health Council
  - Metro Olympic Meeting – Richmond Oval
  - Seymour Heights – consolidation meeting
  
2. Events attended by Trustees included:
  - Drug Awareness Forum at Lynn Valley Elementary – Argyle Family of Schools
  - Handsworth Secondary Spring Fair
  - Gordon Smith's Birthday Celebration – AFK Gallery – extremely well attended
  - City of North Vancouver Youth Awards
  - District Fine Arts Appreciation
  - Carson Graham production of "Les Miserables"
  - Carson Graham Open House
  - Official opening of Capilano Library, Edgemont Village
  - "Honours Luncheon"
  - "Windsorfest"
  - Joy of Learning Conference at SFU
  - Argyle Graduation ceremonies
  - Roots of Empathy celebration at Capilano School
  - Eastview Spring Concert at Centennial Theatre
  - Opening of School District Arts Show at Capilano Mall
  - Carson Transition Exit Day
  - Ridgeway Heritage Restoration Open House
  - Ubuntu Council Talent Show
  - Musical production of "HONK" – Lynn Valley Elementary
  - NS Heritage Fair

**D. Future Meetings**

Future meetings of the Board were noted as follows:

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm	Education & Programs Standing Committee Meeting	Handsworth Secondary 1044 Edgewood Rd, N Vancouver
<b>Thursday, June 11,</b> 2009 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting <b><i>Please note date &amp; location change</i></b>	<b>Sutherland Secondary - Theatre</b> 1860 Sutherland Ave, N Vancouver
Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	Board Room - School Board Office 721 Chesterfield Ave, N Vancouver

**E. Question Period**

The Chair called for questions from the public on business conducted during the meeting. The Board and administration responded to questions regarding the following:

- Lisa Cartwright, Past President of the North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council, pointed out that the District Parent Advisory Council (PAC) was in attendance at the Capital Planning meeting. Ms Cartwright reported that the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils recently passed a resolution regarding education funding. Noting the 610 process, Ms Cartwright advised the Board that the District PAC would like to be involved in any debriefing around the initial communication of the process and referenced the District PAC's ability to email broadcast to a large representation of the District's parents.
- Jennifer McKenzie, a member of the Balmoral "Choice" contingent, raised a question on the Ministry funding for the Carson Graham capital project. Superintendent Lewis clarified again that the funding currently is for 800 student capacity and that discussion with the Ministry would be required to obtain the additional funding for 1100 student capacity.
- Karen Stewart with regards to the proposed closure/consolidation of Balmoral and Carson Graham urged that the public have faith in the school system, which has the best interests of North Vancouver children in mind.
- Linda Woodhead, Department Head of Youth Learning Centre, spoke of the impact that the High School Completion reconfiguration will have on the Youth Learning Centre. Superintendent Lewis noted that it has been a very challenging process and some may incorrectly interpret that certain programs affected by budget cuts are not valued – whereas every aspect of the School District is valued. The Board has made very difficult decisions and there is a need to support each other during these challenging times.
- Elizabeth McLenehan noted that many ESL students who are professionals in their home country, need to complete HSC courses offered at Continuing Education to work towards Canadian certification in their field.
- Joyce Griffiths, CUPE representative, commented that the current budget format is difficult to tie back to the budget tiers. Superintendent Lewis responded that the Ministry mandates the current budget format but that a means to track back to the public could be looked at in the future.
- Jennifer McKenzie advised the Board that they would be receiving a letter from her regarding capital project financing numbers different than those submitted by School District staff.

**F. Adjournment**

The established agenda being completed, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 12:05 pm.

Certified Correct:

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Irene Young  
Secretary Treasurer

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Jane Thornthwaite  
Chairperson, Board of Education

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