

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the **Special Public Board Meeting** of the Board of Trustees, School District No. 44 (North Vancouver), held in the Board Room of the School Board Office at 721 Chesterfield Avenue in North Vancouver, British Columbia, on Thursday October 11, 2007.

PRESENT: C. Dorais, Chairperson
S. Fleming
P. Heal
S. Skinner
J. Thornthwaite
V. Vinaric

A.1. Call to Order

Chairperson Dorais called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by V. Vinaric

that the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be adopted.

Seconded by J. Thomthwaite

Carried

A.3 Designation of an Acting Secretary-Treasurer

Moved by V. Vinaric

that for this meeting of the Board, Barbara Walter, Director of Human Resources, be designated Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

Seconded by S. Fleming

Carried

C. Information and Proposals

C.1. Organization of Classes Report 2007/08

The Superintendent reviewed the Classes Report.

The *Education (Learning Enhancement) Statutes Amendment Act* (Bill 33) defines class size parameters, processes, and guidelines within the Province of BC. In compliance with the *School Act* (76.1 through 76.8), the Superintendent of Schools has prepared a report of the *Organization of Classes 2007/08* and submitted it to the Board of Education and the District Parent Advisory Council for their review.

As set out in the *School Act* (76.1 through 76.8), the Board must ensure that the average size of its classes, in the aggregate, does not exceed:

- 19 students in kindergarten
- 21 students in grades 1 to 3
- 28 students in grades 4 to 7, and
- 30 students in grades 8 to 12.

The Board must ensure that the size of any primary class within the School District does not exceed:

- 22 students in kindergarten

- 24 students in grades 1 to 3.

The Board must also ensure that the size of any class within the School District does not exceed:

- 30 students in grades 4 to 7
- 30 students in grades 8 to 12, and
- More than three (3) students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) [does not include a student who has exceptional gifts or talents] in any class in any school in the School District,

Unless:

- In the opinion of the Superintendent of Schools and the principal of the school that the organization of the class is appropriate for student learning, and
- The principal of the school has consulted with the teacher of that class.

In each school year, within 15 school days after the school opening day, as set out in the school's calendar, the principal of a school must:

- Obtain the consent of or consult with the teacher of a class with more than
 - 30 students in grades 4 to 7 (consent required)
 - 30 students in grades 8 to 12 (consult)
 - 3 students with an Individual Education Plan (consult)
- Consult with the School Planning Council with respect to the proposed organization of classes within that school for that school year
- Provide the Superintendent of Schools with a proposed organization of classes for the school for that school year that is, in the opinion of the principal, appropriate for student learning.

In each school year, the Superintendent of Schools must:

- Review and prepare a report on the organization of classes in the School District
- Include in the report a rationale for the organization of any class in the School District that has more than 30 students
- Date and sign the report verifying that the organization of the classes in the School District is
 - In compliance with the class size provisions, and,
 - In the Superintendent's opinion, appropriate for student learning
- Submit the signed report to the Board and to the District Parent Advisory Council on or before October 1 of the school year to which the report relates.

On or before October 15 of the school year to which the report relates, the Board must at a public meeting:

- Accept the report
- Submit the report to the Minister of Education immediately after accepting the report,

or:

- Instruct the Superintendent of Schools to revise the report.

The Minister of Education must make available to the public the report received from the Board.

Superintendent Lewis responded to Trustee questions regarding class size comparison to previous years, number of small secondary classes (45% under 22), number of classes over 30 by secondary school, class sizes at alternate schools.

Moved by S. Skinner

that the Board accept the *Organization of Classes Report 2007/08* as signed and submitted by the Superintendent of Schools on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Seconded by P. Heal

Carried

E. Question Period

The Chairperson called for questions from the public on business conducted during the meeting.

No questions.

H. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Irene Young
Secretary Treasurer

Chris Dorais
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Date

Date