

School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Minutes of the **Special Public 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 Wednesday, May 30, 2007.

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

A.1. Call to Order

Chairperson Dorais called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by G. Diebolt

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

Seconded by V. Vinaric

Carried

Against: J. Thornthwaite

The Chairperson confirmed that the requirements of Policy 104 with regards to appropriate notice had been met.

C.1. North Vancouver Partnership Agreement for High Performance Students

Trustees received with their agendas "Pilot Program Proposal – North Vancouver Partnership Agreement for High Performance Students – Agreement Terms" and the pilot project budget.

Trustee Skinner joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

At its May 15, 2007 Public meeting, the Board considered a pilot program proposal for Pro Merita, a local organization that supports students who are involved in high performance activities in the performing arts, music and sports.

Due to the need to eliminate uncertainty relating to the acceptability of the partnership agreement, and to authorize the program to begin publicly advertising for potential students, the Secretary Treasurer called this special meeting of the Board in accordance with Board Policy 104 to review the terms of the partner program agreement rather than waiting for the regular Board meeting of June 19, 2007.

Senior administration met with the proponents, Astrid Sherman and Sarah Ahmadi, and developed the terms for the partnership agreement and budget for the pilot project. These terms will substantially form the basis for the legal agreement between the Board and the proponents of the program. The pilot program has been renamed and will now be called the North Vancouver High Performance Pilot Program.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Pearce responded to questions from Trustees regarding what portion of the fees would go to facilities and maintenance; how academic

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C.1. North Vancouver Partnership Agreement for High Performance Students (continued)

requirements would be met; control over the amount of fees and subsidies to families in need; consultation with other dance companies on the North Shore; membership of the Advisory Board; accessibility of the program to students; the terms of the lease; what name the program would be advertised under; consultation with SPC, CUPE, DPAC and NVTA; Board approval of decisions by proponents (for example, regarding fees, equity policy, significant change in direction of program); the relationship between the two-year lease and the one-year pilot program; if the process is excluding other dance schools; the percentage of students from outside of the School District; if appropriate teaching staff can be attracted and retained; and the process for calling the meeting.

Moved by V. Vinaric

that the Board approve the attached Agreement Terms of the North Vancouver Partnership Agreement for High Performance Students and authorize the Secretary Treasurer, on behalf of the School District, to execute the agreement incorporating these terms as an acceptable partner program agreement in accordance with the Board's motion of May 15, 2007.

Seconded by G. Diebolt

Carried

Against:

C. Dorais

S. Skinner

J. Thornthwaite

A discussion ensued regarding the North Vancouver High Performance Pilot Program.

E. Question Period

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

The Chairperson responded to questions regarding Trustee conflict of interest and operational matters related to Pro Merita's program.

H. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

Certified Correct:

Irene Young
Secretary Treasurer

Chris Dorais
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Date

Date