School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)

Meeting Summary of the Board's **Finance and Facilities Standing Committee** Meeting held in the Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre, 810 West 21st Street, North Vancouver, British Columbia on Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

PRESENT:

Ian Abercrombie, Director, Facilities & Planning
Leo Alejandria, CUPE
Georgia Allison, Director of Financial Services
Doug Beveridge, AEA Representative
Ross Bligh, Principal, Queensbury
Ginny Diebolt, Trustee
Chris Dorais, Board Chair
Lisa Cartwright, NVPAC
Karen Harrop, Principal, Braemar
Joyce Griffiths, CUPE
Mark James, District Principal, Cont Ed & Ex Svcs
Larry Johnson, Assistant Superintendent
Tim Jones, V-Principal, Sutherland
Kelly LaRoue, V-Principal, Seymour Heights
John Lewis, Superintendent
Marilyn McVey, V-Principal, Westview
David Overgaard, SSG Representative
Dave Pearce, Assistant Superintendent
Bryn Roberts, Assistant Superintendent
Sandy Shaw, Manager, Business Development
Susan Skinner, Committee Chair
Charles Steele, Parent, Argyle/Cove Cliff
Arlie Thompson, Principal, Blueridge
Jane Thornthwaite, Trustee
Barb Walter, Director, Human Resources
Deborah Wanner, V-Principal, Cove Cliff
Linda Watson, NVTA
Irene Young, Secretary Treasurer

A. Call to Order

Standing Committee Chair Susan Skinner called the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee to order at 7:00 pm.

C.1. Ministry of Education 2008/09 Grant Announcement

Secretary Treasurer Irene Young reviewed the March 14, 2008 grant announcement noting that the School District would benefit from additional enrolment decline grants and funding protection. Secretary Treasurer Young noted that no School District would receive less funding than the previous year. She also noted that the Ministry of Education holdback increased to $84.5 million and was no longer notionally allocated to School Districts in the press release.

C.2. Revisions to 2008/09 Anticipated Incremental Costs.

Secretary Treasurer Young noted that as a result of the additional enrolment decline grant and funding protection, anticipated incremental costs were reduced from $3.2 million shortfall to $2.5 million shortfall.

C.3. Report of the Budget Working Groups Draft #1

It was noted that if all of the proposals were accepted by the Board, the shortfall remaining to balance the 2008/09 Budget was $663,000.

Chair Susan Skinner introduced each Budget Tier Chair who reviewed the proposals that their working committees had developed and recommended.

C.4. Group Discussion on Budget Proposal

Chair Skinner asked participants to break out into table groups to provide feedback on the tier proposal and to consider other proposals to assist the Board in closing the remaining budget gap.

C.4. Group Discussion on Budget Proposal (continued)

Trustee Skinner closed the discussion and advised participants that feedback forms would be collected by the School District until the end of the week and then posted on the website by Monday, April 7, 2008. An update on the budget process would be provided at the April 22, 2008 Public Board Meeting.

C.4. Summary of the March 4, 2008 Meeting

The summary notes were provided to Standing Committee participants in their agenda package.

D.1. Future Agenda Items

None were identified.

D.2. Future Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee will be announced in June at the last Public Board meeting of the year.

H. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Date	Susan Skinner, Committee Chair Finance and Facilities Standing Committee
Date	Irene Young Secretary Treasurer