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 School at 1860 Sutherland Avenue in North Vancouver, British Columbia on Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

PRESENT: F. Stratton, Chairperson
B. Forward, Vice Chairperson
L. Bayne
C. Gerlach
M. McGraw
C. Sacré
S. Skinner

A.1. Call to Order

Chairperson Stratton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed those in attendance including representatives from the Sutherland Student Leadership Council.

A.2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by C. Gerlach
that the agenda, as recommended in the Administrative Memorandum, be adopted.
Seconded by C. Sacré Carried

A.3. Moment of Silence – Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace

Chair Stratton reminded the Board that April 28 is recognized as the Day of Mourning for Persons Killed or Injured in the Workplace and noted that the Canadian flag will be at half mast in Victoria and on all government buildings throughout British Columbia including schools in North Vancouver School District. A moment of silence was observed.

A.4. Public Comment Period

The ten-minute comment period is intended to be restricted to items on the 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.

Rick Danyluk, Sandringham Crescent, requested that the Board consider the recommendations from the Delbrook community regarding the use of the Balmoral site.

Lisa Falloon, Windsor Rd, requested that Balmoral be kept open as a secondary school while the Board pursues capital funding for an alternate facility. Ms. Falloon spoke to recommendation #2, requesting numbers of district staff not exceed those currently housed at Lucas Centre and Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre; and recommendation #3, with a request that no adult education programs be housed at the Balmoral site.

Dennis Scholl, an Adult ESL student at Lucas Centre, encouraged the Board to maintain the Adult English as a Second Language program and presented a petition with 152 signatures in support of the program.

Shahram Deifaazari, an Adult ESL student at Lucas Centre, spoke in support of the Adult English as a Second Language program. Mr Deifaazari noted that the training provided for new immigrants covered not just the language but also Canadian culture.

Barbara Crosby, a teacher with the Adult English as a Second Language program, urged the Board to maintain the program in one central location and noted the students' anxiety regarding

A.4. Public Comment Period (continued)

the future of the program. Ms. Crosby encouraged the Trustees to visit the program located at the Lucas Centre for Continuing Education and see 182 people receive language training.

Barb McKinley, with the Norwood Queens Community Association, extended thanks to the Trustees and administrators who met with members of the Association. Ms. McKinley also thanked the Board and School District staff for responding to the emails and phone calls from the Association.

Dierdre Smith, Norwood Queens Community Association, thanked the Board for its commitment to public education. Ms. Smith recognized that difficult decisions have to be made and acknowledged the open two-way communication between the Board and the community that has recently occurred.

Réne Gourley, thanked the Board for its community consultation regarding programming at Balmoral; and requested: clarification in recommendation #3 with regards to adult education or adult ESL education; as well, clarification whether Distance Learning was to be located at the site as noted in the original proposal but not indicated in the recommendations before the Board.

A.5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by M. McGraw
that the minutes of the public meeting of March 27, 2012 be approved as circulated.
Seconded by S. Skinner Carried

B.1. Presentation – Sutherland Student Leadership Council

Board Chair Franci Stratton, introduced Cynthia Bunbury, Teacher Sponsor with the Sutherland Student Leadership Council (SLC). Ms. Bunbury reported that the 56 member SLC has evolved into a student driven group and is a place not just to learn leadership but also cooperation, and contribute to the atmosphere and culture of the school.

The following members of the Sutherland SLC were introduced to the Board: Karim Kadi (Co-President), Prabhjot Singh (Co-President), Laura Bridge, Helen Burger, Alanna Dunbar, Melika Garibpour, Derrick Gravener, Shiori Kuboki, Qwilleran Lake, John Leung and Allie Lucas.

The goals of the SLC are to raise awareness about global issues and develop strong relationships with students and staff. The students highlighted various SLC activities including: support of two Vancouver based charities, several theme days to help overcome homophobia and bullying, international theme days, Grade 8 welcome event, Grade 9 sock hop and a Senior dance. The students acknowledged the training and guidance of the dedicated Sutherland staff and recognized the huge support they have received from the school's teachers.

The Board thanked the students for their presentation and congratulated them for their leadership as well as their support and respect of fellow students and staff.

B.2. 2012/13 Budget Consultation Update and Board Direction

Trustees received with their agendas copies of the *Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Partner Group Priorities – Template* and the *Finance and Facilities Standing Committee Partner Group Priorities – Collated Data.*

Irene Young, Secretary Treasurer, introduced this item and provided a brief history of the budget process during the 2009/10 and 2010/11 budget years. The Secretary Treasurer noted that the School District is in the position of adding back into its operating budget for the second year in a row, while most school districts in the Lower Mainland are addressing budget cuts.

B.2. 2012/13 Budget Consultation Update and Board Direction (continued)

Georgia Allison, Director of Finance, reported that following the partner groups presentations at the April 3, 2012 meeting of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee, participants discussed and allocated the $1 million as an addition to the 2012/13 base operating budget. The input was collated and reported in the Partner Group Priorities and then forwarded to the Executive Committee for recommendations. Ms. Allison noted the overriding theme was direct support to the classroom as well as special education.

Trustees thanked Secretary Treasurer Young and Georgia Allison, Director of Finance, and noted the value of consultation in the budget development process.

Moved by C. Sacré
that the Board approve the recommended allocation of the $1.0 million of surplus funds as described in Appendix B attached to this Administrative Memorandum of April 24, 2012.
Seconded by S. Skinner Carried

B.3. North Vancouver School District Learning Centre at Balmoral Site: Community Advisory Working Group Report and Executive Committee Recommendations

With their agendas, Trustees received copies of *Recommendations Regarding the North Vancouver School District Learning Centre at Balmoral, Executive Committee Report to the Board of Education, April 24, 2012.* This report and additional supporting material is available on the School District website.
(http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/en/sitecore/content/Updates/CommunityLearningProgram.aspx)

Chair Stratton introduced this agenda item and acknowledged the participation of the community, students and staff in the Community Advisory Working Group as well as public feedback.

Assistant Superintendent Mark Jefferson, Chair of the Community Advisory Working Group (CAWG), and Director of Facilities and Planning Ian Abercrombie presented the *Executive Summary Report on NVSDLC at Balmoral Site April 24, 2012.* The summary report provided an overview of the Ministry of Education *Statement of Education Policy Order* (Mandate of Public Education), a condensed history of the decision to consolidate and amalgamate alternate programs under the umbrella of the North Vancouver School District Community Learning Program at Balmoral, and the work of the Community Advisory Working Group. Mr. Jefferson elaborated on each of the seven recommendations that the Executive received and reviewed and presented at the evening's meeting for the Board's consideration and approval.

Following the presentation, Trustees directed questions to staff specifically regarding recommendations:

- #5 - Concern over the wording of this recommendation; given that the Balmoral site would include joint use activities the same as other secondary schools in North Vancouver; including use of play field and gymnasium. Following discussion, there was agreement to amend the recommendation to accommodate consideration of Joint Use of recreational facilities within Balmoral School to future discussions with the School District's partners and community groups.
- #3 – Clarification of Adult English Second Language (ESL) Program alternative delivery options. Given the recent Ministry announcement regarding Adult ESL training at post-secondary institutions, it was noted that time was needed to explore opportunities and options prior to reporting back to the Board at its May 22, 2012 public meeting.
- #1 – Clarification that in the event of future additional programming, impact on the community would be addressed through the Community Liaison and Communications Committee.

B.3. North Vancouver School District Learning Centre at Balmoral Site: Community Advisory Working Group Report and Executive Committee Recommendations (continued)

- #6 – Confirmation that there are 65 parking spaces and if more parking was required in the future, the School District would work with the District of North Vancouver and the Traffic Department as to the best configuration. Regarding traffic concerns in school areas, it was confirmed that the School District has an ongoing dialogue with the District as well as involvement with the Traffic Committee, ICBC and Translink.
- #4 – Regarding possible use of the remaining classroom space, and the need for facility flexibility.

In response to a question regarding reinvestment of consolidation savings, Secretary Treasurer Young noted that the operating costs previously attached to Keith Lynn Alternate School would be reinvested into operation of the Community Learning Program.

Moved by M. McGraw
that the Board of Education receive and adopt the Executive Committee's seven (7) Recommendations as amended regarding the North Vancouver School District Learning Centre at Balmoral.
Seconded by C. Gerlach Carried

Following are the recommendations as adopted:

Recommendation #1:
That the Principal of the Community Learning Program, in collaboration with the Parent Advisory Council, establish a Community Liaison and Communications Committee to facilitate ongoing communication between the North Vancouver School District Learning Centre and with residents and the larger community.

Recommendation #2:
That the North Vancouver School District Learning Centre at the Balmoral site include District Services providing instructional resources (i.e. science kits, books, music instruments) for all schools and students.

Recommendation #3:
That the North Vancouver School District Learning Centre at the Balmoral site not include the Adult English Second Language Program and that alternatives for the continued delivery of Adult English Second Language Programs within the North Vancouver School District be provided to the Board of Education for consideration at its Public Board Meeting of May 22, 2012.

Recommendation #4:
That any remaining classroom space within the Balmoral site be reserved for future School District needs and/or community interests.

Recommendation #5 - Amended:
That the Board of Education defers the consideration of Joint Use of recreational facilities within Balmoral School to future discussions with our partners and community groups.

Recommendation #6:
That the Board of Education provide for at least 65 on-site parking spaces in the renovation project plan.

Recommendation #7:
That the Board of Education continues to work in cooperation with the District of North Vancouver regarding traffic and parking concerns in proximity to the schools in this area of the community and in consideration of the recommendations contained within the recent traffic studies.

B.3. North Vancouver School District Learning Centre at Balmoral Site: Community Advisory Working Group Report and Executive Committee Recommendations (continued)

The Chair thanked Assistant Superintendent Mark Jefferson and Ian Abercrombie, Director of Facilities and Planning, for their presentation. The Chair expressed appreciation of the work over the last two and a half years by staff, Trustees, students and community members in the development of the Community Learning Program.

C.1. Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) - Negotiations Update

Chair Stratton introduced this agenda item and noted that the CUPE collective agreement expired on June 30, 2010. Secretary Treasurer Irene Young advised that the Board has now ratified an agreement with CUPE Local 389.

C.2. Tuesday, April 3, 2012 Meeting of the Towards the Future for Schools Standing Committee

Copies of the meeting notes from the April 3, 2012 meeting of the Towards the Future for Schools Standing Committee were included in the Trustees' agenda packages.

Trustee McGraw, Chair of the Towards the Future for Schools Standing Committee, touched on highlights of the meeting which included an overview of student demographics including a review of student population and enrolment trends. This information is now posted on the website (http://www.nvsd44.bc.ca/Trustees/~/media/PDF_uploads/BoardMeetings/2011_12). There was also discussion about the potential for future academies.

C.3. Tuesday, April 3, 2012 Finance and Facilities Standing Committee

Copies of the meeting notes from the April 3, 2012 meeting of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee were included in the Trustees' agenda packages.

Trustee Forward, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Standing Committee, noted that most of the meeting's material had been previously covered in Agenda Item B.2. Trustee Forward thanked those who attended and presented and hoped that more people will come out to meetings in the future.

C.4. Field Trips – Out of Country

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 Alternate Secondary School – field trip to the Oregon Coast, USA (May 6 – May 11, 2012)
- Windsor Secondary School – field trip to the Seattle, WA, USA (May 14 – May 16, 2012)
- Argyle Secondary School – field trip to Cadiz, Spain (Jun 29 – Jul 12, 2012)
- Seycove Secondary School – field trip to Sosua, Dominican Republic (Jul 3 – Jul 13, 2012)

Assistant Superintendent Roberts responded to questions about the impact of the most recent labour action on the scheduled out of country trips and school visits to Outdoor School. Mr. Roberts noted that, as per Policy 207, the Assistant Superintendents would contact the principal of each of the schools planning out of country trips, to ensure that any change in itinerary would maintain the level of safety, security and supervision of students. In the same manner, the Assistant Superintendents will contact the principal from each elementary school scheduled to visit Outdoor School.

C.5. Superintendent's Report

The Chair advised that Bryn Roberts, as Acting Superintendent, would present the Superintendent's Report. Mr. Roberts relayed a message from John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools, who was accompanying the Argyle Music Program in their tour of Japan, noting that the Superintendent was very proud of the leadership portrayed by the students on the trip.

The following items are included in the *Superintendent's Blog* (*http://blog44.ca/superintendent*):

- Facilities revitalization – In June, administration staff will be vacating the office at 721 Chesterfield and moving into the new Education Services Centre at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue. The Chesterfield site has been sold to Polygon who will build two 4-storey apartment buildings.
- *Leaps and Bounds Towards Math Learning* – a comprehensive resource that provides diagnostic tools and remediation/intervention lessons for Grades 3-8 students who are struggling in mathematics.
- Asahikawa Commerce High School Band Concert presented by Sutherland Secondary School Music Department
- North Shore Credit Union/NVSD "Wishbanks" Partnership – the three compartments introduce the concept of putting money away for both short-term and long-term goals (Spend, Save) as well community giving (Share).
- Defining Personalized Learning for the 21st Century
- Queen Mary rebuild and heritage construction update
- Terry Fox Run Day – the Foundation thanks schools in North Vancouver School District for raising $23,618.74.
- Far and Wide – Many NVSD students traveled on Board approved trips outside of Canada over Spring Break, including Carson Graham Global Initiatives class trip to Mexico where students assisted in building four houses over ten days.

C.6. Trustees' Reports

Trustees submitted their reports on their activities on behalf of the Board as follows:

1. Meetings attended by Trustees included:
    - Public Board meeting
    - Board Planning meeting (Chair and Vice Chair)
    - Standing Committee Meetings: Towards the Future for Schools and Finance and Facilities
    - Trustee Seminars, included review of upcoming BCSTA presentation of NVSD motions
    - Meeting with members of the Norwood Queens community group
    - City of North Vancouver Advisory Planning Commission
    - NVSD Sustainability Leadership Team; current student representatives are graduating next year, looking for new members
    - City of North Vancouver Youth Leadership Awards meeting
    - Community Advisory Working Group public meeting, heartening to have the community turn out
    - Meeting with Balmoral Family of Schools Principals
    - Superintendent and Board Chair meetings with Ministry of Education (James Gorman, Rick Davis, Minister Abbott)
    - Superintendent and Board Chair meetings with Ministry of Education regarding "self regulation"
    - Keith Lynn/Youth Learning Centre PAC Meeting
    - Education Services Centre project sub-committee meeting
    - Board Chair and Superintendent met with Coquitlam School District counterparts
    - Meeting with Braemar PAC Chair
    - Meeting with Community Engagement Communications Consultant
    - Trustees conference call – Community Engagement Process

C.6. Trustees' Reports (continued)

- Meeting with Mayor Walton (Board Chair)
- Braemar meeting with Principal Taggart
- Community Partnership meeting – Vancouver Coastal Health
- Meeting with West Vancouver School District Board Chair (Chair)
- North Vancouver Recreation Commission Partnership Committee meeting
- Liaison tour of Norgate Elementary
- Visit of Choices Program at Seycove Secondary

2. Events attended by Trustees included:
   - North Vancouver Administrators (NoVA) dinner meeting
   - VSO and the Honours Secondary Band and Strings Concert at Centennial Theatre
   - 25-Year Employee Recognition
   - Fine Arts Appreciation event
   - Carson North (Balmoral) Middle Years Program (MYP) IB Program – Presentation Night, Grade 10 students showcase personal projects.
   - Public Law Day at North Vancouver Courthouse; a number of students attended
   - Asahikawa Commerce High School Band Concert at Kay Meek Centre
   - Ross Road Elementary hosted Grade 7 Quebec-exchange students and took part in *Woodlands Walk Project,* rebuilt trails and repurposed old, unused playground area into community gardens.
   - Kudos to the Grade 6 Braemar student who won 2nd prize at the local level of the Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and will compete in the district level competition in Newport, Oregon. The theme of the contest sponsored by Optimist International is *How My Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles,*

D. Future Meetings

Future public meetings of the Board are confirmed as follows:

Wednesday, Apr 25, 2012, 4:00 – 8:00 pm	"*Land, Learning and Livability*" NVSD Open House	Ridgeway Elementary (gym) 420 8th Street East, N. Vancouver
Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at **7:00 pm**	Education & Programs Standing Committee	Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre 810 W 21st Street, N. Vancouver
Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	**Theatre – Sutherland Secondary** 1860 Sutherland Ave, N. Vancouver
Tuesday, May 29, 2012 Time to be Confirmed	"*Land, Learning and Livability*" – World Café	Lucas Centre for Continuing Educ, 2132 Hamilton Ave., N. Vancouver
Tuesday, Jun 12, 2012 Time to be Confirmed	Education & Programs Standing Committee	Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre 810 21st St West, N. Vancouver
Tuesday, Jun 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm	Public Board Meeting	**Theatre – Sutherland Secondary** 1860 Sutherland Ave, N. Vancouver

Due to the upcoming move to the Education Services Centre at 2121 Lonsdale Avenue, the Public Board meetings for May and June will be held in the Theatre at Sutherland Secondary School.

E. Public Question and Comment Period

The Chair called for questions and/or comments from the public noting that in accordance with Board policy, questions relating to personnel, negotiations or litigation must not be dealt with in a public session.

E. Public Question and Comment Period (continued)

Barb McKinley, Norwood Queens Community Association, echoed a Trustee's request for advocacy of a purpose-built school for alternate programs. Ms. McKinley also wondered if North Vancouver School District's participation rate could be included as a measure of success when reporting out.

Dan Storms, President of the North Vancouver Teachers' Association (NVTA), questioned if there would be any further budget discussion with stakeholders. Secretary Treasurer Irene Young noted that no further discussion would take place for the preliminary budget which will be presented at the May 22, 2012 public meeting. Mr. Storms also commented on the two recent letters sent by the NVTA to the Board, and asked if there would be a response to the second letter regarding class size and composition and opposition to Bill 22. Chair Stratton replied that once the budget is approved, the Board would then have a more formal discussion regarding the impact of Bill 22.

David Whitehead, Chair of the NV Parent Advisory Council, commented that, when completed, would like to see the analysis of how the Bill 22 legislation impacts North Vancouver School District, be made public. Chair Stratton noted it could be presented at the Presidents' Council.

F. Adjournment

The established agenda being completed, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 pm.

Certified Correct:

Irene Young Secretary Treasurer	Franci Stratton Chairperson, Board of Education
Date	Date