

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 5:00pm

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in room 114 (the Boardroom), VSB Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. and online in Teams on Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 5:00 pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in the Room: Carmen Cho, Chairperson (for the meeting), Janet Fraser, Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson, Fraser Ballantyne, Barb Parrott, Allan Wong

Trustees Present in Teams: Lois Chan-Pedley, Oliver Hanson

Trustees Absent with Regrets: Jennifer Reddy

Senior Management Present in the Room: Helen McGregor, Superintendent
David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent
J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Also Present in the Room: Patricia MacNeil, Director of Communications
Tiffany Lee, Administrative Assistant (Recorder)

Also Present in the Teams: Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent-Learning & Information Technology
Judy Mah, Executive Assistant

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

The Chairperson called the meeting to order and acknowledged that we are unlearning and relearning on the traditional and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

1.2 Opening Remarks

The Chairperson informed everyone the meeting is being live-streamed and the audio and visual recording will also be available to the public for viewing after the meeting. The footage of the meeting may be viewed inside and outside of Canada.

She reviewed meeting decorum for respectful behavior and informed trustees that any questions for delegation presenters are for clarification of details. She clarified this meeting is intended for the Board to receive input regarding the consultant's report on the proposed closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA), which will not be debated or decided at this meeting. She noted that the Board will consider the proposal and make a decision at the June 6, 2022 Special Board Meeting.

2. DELEGATIONS RE VARIOUS TOPICS

The Chairperson reviewed the Procedure for Delegations to the Board.

The following delegates presented their views regarding the *What We Heard* engagement report on the proposed closure of QEA. PowerPoint presentations were provided and retained for the Board's records. Those that presented were:

1. Nightingale Parent Advisory Council (PAC), Solomon Wong
2. Karen Tsang
3. Lia Gudaitis
4. Jules Quesnel Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), Kate Hood
5. Michael Hooper
6. Eleanor Reardon
7. Julia Lockhart
8. Vik Khanna
9. Rick Yoo
10. Chin Sun
11. John Oliver PAC, Samantha Anderson
12. Christine Bowden
13. Judy Yanchuk
14. Rebecca Pitfield

Trustees asked questions and provided feedback, and the delegations provided responses pertaining to their presentations.

Trustees Fraser and Chan-Pedley raised a point of order in response to a delegation's comment. The Chairperson reminded delegates to adhere to proper meeting decorum and behaviour during presentations as a respectful environment needs to be maintained.

The Chairperson informed everyone that the Board has full confidence that the information provided by staff and the consultant will support the Board in making their decision.

She also noted one of the delegates on the agenda was unable to present tonight and a PowerPoint presentation was submitted, and another delegate submitted their PowerPoint presentation after they presented. As a result, both presentations will be circulated with trustees accordingly as part of board correspondence.

The Chairperson informed everyone that any delegations wishing to present may do so at the June 20, 2022, Special Board meeting, and registrations will be accepted by email to the Secretary Treasurer's office.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Janet Fraser, Chairperson