

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm

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 Monday, January 17, 2022, at 7:00 pm. The meeting was live-streamed.

Trustees Present in the Room: Janet Fraser, Chairperson

Trustees Present in Teams: Estrellita Gonzalez, Vice-Chairperson, Fraser Ballantyne, Lois Chan-Pedley, Carmen Cho, Oliver Hanson (at 7:17pm), Barb Parrott, Jennifer Reddy, Allan Wong

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

Also Present in the Room: John Dawson, Director of Instruction, Educational Planning and Student Information

Also Present in Teams: Patricia MacNeil, Director of Communications
Marlene Phillips, Executive Assistant
Judy Mah, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

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 x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səliiwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations.

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.

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 Consideration of Closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA)

The Board Chair referred to the report in the meeting agenda package dated January 17, 2022, that is titled **Consideration of Closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA)** and contains a recommendation for the Board to consider the closure of queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA) school, effective June 30, 2023, by forwarding the report to the Facilities Planning Committee for review and recommendation.

The Superintendent provided opening remarks regarding the consideration of closure of Queen Elizabeth

Annex. She acknowledged that QEA has been considered previously for closure and that these conversations are stressful and create anxiety for school communities. The Superintendent also noted that staff are carefully following Board policy and that this is the first step in the process. Should the process move forward there will be a public consultation process to inform decision making by the Board.

The Deputy Superintendent presented a PowerPoint dated January 17, 2022, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

After the presentation, Trustees asked questions and staff provided answers.

Moved by L. Chan-Pedley, seconded by A. Wong, that the Board of Education consider the closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex school, effective June 30, 2023, by forwarding this report to the Facilities Planning Committee for review and recommendation.

Trustees asked questions and staff provided clarification.

Following feedback and discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

CARRIED

For: F. Ballantyne, L. Chan-Pedley, C. Cho, J. Fraser, E. Gonzalez, O. Hanson, A. Wong

Against: B. Parrott, J. Reddy

3. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.

J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer

Janet Fraser, Chairperson