

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

Monday, June 6, 2022
at 7:00 pm

Public viewing via Live Broadcast

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We are unlearning and relearning on the traditional and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliiwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

1.2 OPENING REMARKS

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.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 Consideration of Closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA)

That the Board of Education approves the permanent closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex effective June 30, 2023.

2.1.1 Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022 (Attachment)

2.1.1.1 *That the Board of Education, in accordance with Section 73(1)(a) of the School Act, approves that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022 be given first reading.*

2.1.1.2 *That the Board of Education, in accordance with Section 73(1)(a) of the School Act, approves that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022 be given second reading.*

2.1.1.3 *That the Board of Education approves having all three readings of the School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022 at this June 6, 2022 meeting.*

2.1.1.4 *That the Board of Education, in accordance with Section 73(1)(a) of the School Act, approves that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022 be given third reading and be enacted.*

3. ADJOURNMENT

ITEM 2.1

DATE: June 6, 2022

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Senior Management Team

RE: Consideration of Closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA)

Reference to Education Plan:

Goal 2: The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by ...

- *Improving stewardship of the District's resources by focusing on effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.*

BACKGROUND

At the January 17, 2022, Special Board meeting, staff presented a [report](#) recommending that the Board consider the permanent closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA) effective June 30, 2023. The report outlined the rationale for the closure recommendation, information on factors assessed, as required in [Board Policy 14](#), as well as a timeline and framework for the Board to follow in making a decision regarding the proposal.

Having been referred by the Board of Education to the January 19, 2022, Facilities Planning Committee meeting, staff made a [presentation](#) about the proposed closure of QEA. Trustees on the committee voted to refer the recommendation to proceed to public consultation on the proposed closure of QEA to the Board. At its meeting of January 31, 2022, the Board approved proceeding to public consultation on the proposed closure of QEA.

The public consultation process began on February 10, 2022 and included early engagement meetings with District stakeholders and members of the PACs at impacted schools. At the same time an email address for members of the public to provide direct feedback to the Board was publicized. In addition, five public meetings (community dialogue sessions) were held in April and an online survey was open to the public. Members of the public also had opportunities to present directly to the Board at monthly Committee-of-the-Whole meetings and at a June 2, 2022, Special Board meeting.

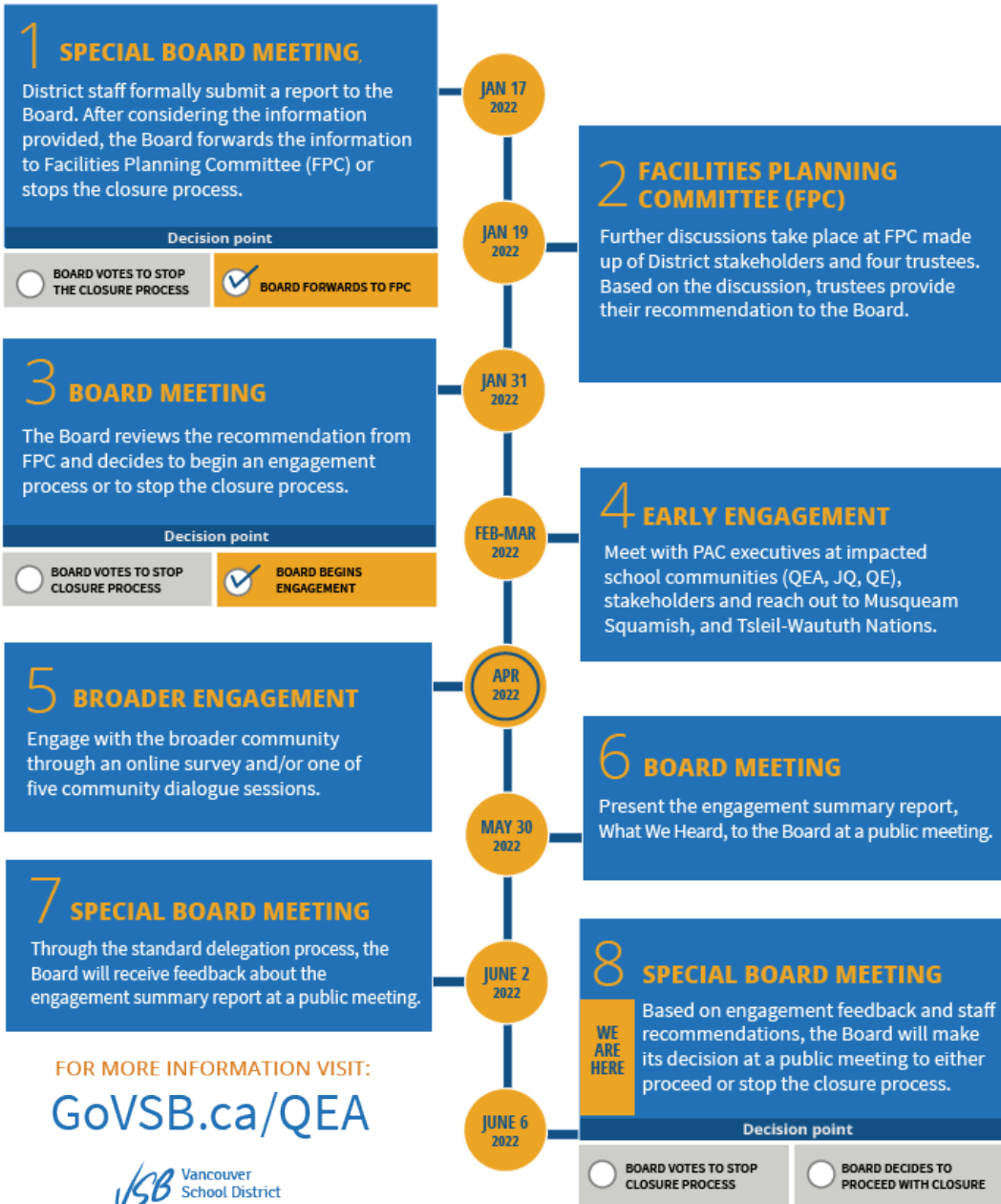
At the May 30, 2022 Board meeting, a detailed consultation summary [report](#) was presented for the Board to review in advance of making a decision about the proposed closure of QEA at a Special Board meeting scheduled for June 6, 2022.

The following diagram illustrates the process and timeline followed.

QUEEN ELIZABETH ANNEX

SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCESS

Following Board Policy 14 - School Closure



[Policy 14](#) (School Closure) was carefully followed throughout the consultation process to ensure compliance with Board policy.

To support a fair, open and transparent consultation process, staff engaged a third-party engagement specialist, Delaney and Associates, to work with staff in conducting the public consultation.

Throughout the process, information including the rationale for the closure, enrolment trends, future space use scenarios, educational impacts, travel and financial considerations, and frequently asked questions were posted to the [district website](#). Several adjustments were made to the engagement process and timeline based on feedback received from the QEA PAC Executive. These adjustments to the public consultation process included additional community dialogue sessions, delaying the date of the Board decision about the proposed closure, and adding a meeting on June 2, 2022 to receive feedback from the public on the consultation findings report.

CONCLUSION:

If, on June 6, 2022, the Board decides not to permanently close QEA, no further action would be required and the process would be complete.

If, on June 6, 2022, the Board decides to permanently close QEA, the following steps will be made:

- The Board will have three readings of a capital bylaw, the School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022.
- Senior management will determine, by June 24, 2022, where the program will be relocated. This information will be shared directly with the QEA, QE and JQ communities. It will also be posted to the District website.
- District staff will work with the impacted school communities to support a successful transition of students ahead of the 2023-2024 school year.
- The Superintendent will make a recommendation regarding the alternate use of the QEA site for the Board's consideration, as outlined in Section 13, Policy 14.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approves the permanent closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex effective June 30, 2023.

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Attachment: Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 39 (VANCOUVER)

QUEEN ELIZABETH ANNEX SCHOOL CLOSURE BYLAW 2022

WHEREAS a board of education may close a school permanently or for a specified period of time under the authority of Section 73(1) of the *School Act*, subject to the Orders of the Minister of Education (the “**Minister**”);

AND WHEREAS the Minister issued Order M194/08 effective September 3, 2008 (the “**Closure Order**”) which requires a school board to develop and implement a policy (a “**School Closure Policy**”) that includes a public consultation process with respect to permanent school closures, and the public consultation process must include:

- (a) a fair consideration of the community’s input and adequate opportunity for the community to respond to a board’s proposal to close the school permanently;
- (b) consideration of future enrolment growth in the district of persons of school age, persons of less than school age and adults; and
- (c) consideration of possible alternative community use for all or part of the school;

AND WHEREAS the Closure Order requires a board of education to exercise a power with respect to the permanent closure of a school only by bylaw;

AND WHEREAS:

- (i) The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) (the “**Board**”) has followed its School Closure Policy in respect of the proposed permanent closure of Queen Elizabeth Annex (the “**School**”) and has duly considered all of the community’s input and responses, future enrolment growth in the district and possible alternative community uses for all or part of the School;
- (ii) the School is facility number 3939110;
- (iii) the address of the School is 4275 Crown Street Vancouver, British Columbia, V6S-2K3 and the legal description of the Property is:

Parcel Identifier: 009-046-615 Legal Description: LOT 14 BLOCK 79 DISTRICT LOT 2027 PLAN 11558; and
- (iv) the Board proposes to close the School permanently on June 30, 2023 the (“**Closure Date**”).

NOW THEREFORE be it enacted as a Bylaw of the Board that the School be permanently closed as of the Closure Date.

This Bylaw may be cited as "School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022".

Read a first time this 6th day of June 2022.

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Upon unanimous agreement of the Trustees of the Board in attendance, this Bylaw was read a third time on June 6, 2022, and finally passed and enacted this 6th day of June 2022.

Corporate Seal

Chairperson of the Board

Secretary-Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true original of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Queen Elizabeth Annex School Closure Bylaw 2022 enacted by the Board the 6th day of June 2022.

Secretary-Treasurer