

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00pm

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. on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:00pm. The meeting was live streamed.

Trustees Present in the room:

Victoria Jung, Chairperson
Preeti Faridkot, Vice-Chairperson
Lois Chan-Pedley
Janet Fraser
Suzie Mah
Jennifer Reddy
Christopher Richardson
Joshua Zhang
Mia Liu, Student Trustee

Trustees Absent with Regrets:

Alfred Chien

Senior Management Present in the room:

Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Schools
David Nelson, Deputy Superintendent
Shehzad Somji, Acting Secretary Treasurer
Jody Langlois, Associate Superintendent-Learning Services
Pete Nuij, Associate Superintendent, Education Services

Staff Also Present in the room:

John Dawson, Director of Educational Planning
Patricia MacNeil, Director of Communications
Jiana Chow, Communications Manager
Judy Mah, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Donna Wong, 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), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

1.2. Opening Remarks

In her opening remarks, the Chairperson acknowledged the following:

- National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2023.
- District's celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day at the VSB Education Centre and graduation ceremonies for the class of 2023.
- Final board meeting of the 2022-2023 school year and the milestones accomplished in the first school year as a board.
- Gratitude to fellow trustees and District staff for their commitment and support of students.
- Congratulations to student trustee, Mia Liu, for her dedication in the past term as student trustee and for being re-elected a second term.
- Well wishes for the District and the school community.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. Meeting of May 29, 2023

Moved by J. Zhang, seconded by C. Richardson, that the minutes of the May 29, 2023 meeting be adopted.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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2.2. Special Board Meeting of June 07, 2023

Moved by J. Zhang, seconded by C. Richardson, that the minutes of the June 07, 2023 meeting be adopted.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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2.3. Special Board Meeting of June 08, 2023

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by C. Richardson, that the minutes of the June 08, 2023 meeting be adopted.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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2.4. Special Board Meeting of June 19, 2023

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by J. Zhang, that the minutes of the June 19, 2023 meeting be adopted.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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2.5. Public Delegation Board Meeting of June 19, 2023

Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by J. Reddy, that the minutes of the June 19, 2023 meeting be adopted.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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3. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

The Superintendent gave a PowerPoint presentation, and highlighted how the Education Plan is being translated in classrooms across the District and providing a positive impact for students. She acknowledged the following:

- Introduction of the Superintendent's Tribute: Trudi Harris, Indigenous Education Cultural Coordinator and Yash Zandiyeh, Killarney Volunteer Basketball Coach were recognized for their positive contributions to the school district.
- Skills Canada Competition on April 23, 2023: Teacher, Mark Reid and students, Estella and Angie joined the June 26, 2023, Board meeting in person to share their experiences about the competition.
- National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2023.
- Pride Month, and a Pride Parade hosted by Strathcona Elementary School.
- Graduation ceremonies and congratulations to the class of 2023, highlighting the district-wide grade 12 Indigenous Achievement Celebration, the Adult Education Graduation, and International Education Awards Ceremonies.
- Gratitude to VSB Staff and Community and well wishes for the summer holidays.

4. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The Student Trustee provided a verbal report on the following Vancouver District Students' Council (VDSC)'s year-end projects and initiatives:

- Planting Your Roots Arts Gala with over 50 submissions from across the District.
- VDSC year-end discussions regarding proposed changes to executive structure.
- VDSC's achievements in the past term including a fundraiser which resulted in the collection of 250K cans for local food hubs, establishment of the SLO student focus group, integration of student feedback in District initiatives and mental health supports.
- Gratitude for the support received from VSB students, staff, advisors, and the Board.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

5.1.1 Report: Meeting of June 07, 2023

The Chairperson of the Committee, V. Jung, presented the report of the June 07, 2023 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Draft 2024-2025 Five Year Capital Plan Submission
- Food Infrastructure Program (FIP) -Project Funding Requests
- Consideration of Closure of Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School
- 2023-2024 Annual Facilities Grant – Funding Allocation
- Child Care Update
- Consultation: Potential Surplus Declaration of Eastern Portion of Graham D. Bruce Community Elementary School

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by C. Richardson, that the report of the June 07, 2023 meeting be received.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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5.1.2 Matters Arising

5.1.2.1 2024-2025 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by J. Zhang, that in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver Board of Education) approves the proposed major capital program Five-Year Capital Plan, as provided on the attached Five-Year Capital Plan Summary 2024-2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1.2.2 Food Infrastructure Program (FIP) – Project Funding Requests

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by C. Richardson, that in accordance with provisions under section 142 (4) of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver Board of Education) approves the proposed food infrastructure program project requests as detailed in this report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1.2.3 Consideration of Closure of Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by J. Zhang, that the Board initiate a public consultation process as set out in Board Policy 14 – School Closure.

Trustee Reddy requested a postponement motion.

Moved by J. Reddy, seconded by S. Mah, that the Board postpone the public consultation process for Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School until enrolment forecasting data is received and the multi-year budgeting process is underway in fall 2023.

Trustees provided comments and asked questions, and staff provided clarification on various points. Following discussion, trustees voted on the postponement motion.

DEFEATED

For: S. Mah, J. Reddy

Against: L. Chan Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Trustees returned to the motion that was moved and seconded.

That the Board initiate a public consultation process as set out in Board Policy 14 – School Closure.

CARRIED

For: L. Chan Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

5.2. EDUCATION PLAN COMMITTEE

5.2.1 Report: Meeting of June 14, 2023

The Chairperson of the Committee, P. Faridkot, presented the report of the June 14, 2023 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- IEC Report on Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) / Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by J. Zhang, that the report of the June 14, 2023 meeting be received.

The Chairperson asked if there were any further questions and if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3. POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5.3.1 Report: Meeting of June 14, 2023

The Chairperson of the Committee, J. Fraser, presented the report of the June 14, 2023 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Update to Board Policy 8
- Student Liaison Officer (SLO) Program Update

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the report of the June 14, 2023 meeting be received.

The Chairperson asked if there were any further questions and if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

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Trustee Reddy asked to bring forward a Matter Arising from the Policy and Governance Committee and to move a recommendation pertaining to the update from the Student Liaison Officer Program. She passed a copy of the written recommendation on paper to the meeting recorder and read the following recommendation out loud:

That trustees and Policy & Governance Committee members review and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Vancouver Board of Education and the Vancouver Police Department regarding the School Liaison Officer Program prior to its execution.

The Chairperson called a recess at 8:13pm. The meeting reconvened at 8:20pm.

The Board Chair informed trustees that the recommendation from Trustee Reddy would be addressed under Section 8 of the Agenda, New Business as the recommendation did not come from the Policy and Governance Committee.

The Chairperson announced the on-line link for submitting questions to this meeting will now be closed.

6. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION

6.1. Meeting of May 29, 2023

That the Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the June 26, 2023 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of May 29, 2023 the Board discussed personnel, property, legal matters and business interests.

6.2. Meeting of June 05, 2023

That the Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the June 26, 2023 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of June 05, 2023 the Board discussed property, legal matters and business interests.

6.3. Meeting of June 05, 2023

That the Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the June 26, 2023 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of June 05, 2023 the Board discussed appeal matters.

6.4. Meeting of June 19, 2023

That the Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the June 26, 2023 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of June 19, 2023 the Board discussed property matters.

6.5. Meeting of June 26, 2023

That the Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the June 26, 2023 Public Meeting that, at the Private Session of June 26, 2023 the Board discussed personnel, property, legal matters and business interests.

7. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES - none

8. NEW BUSINESS:

8.1. Feeding Futures School Food Program Fund Engagement Report and Spending Plan

The Acting Secretary Treasurer reviewed a report dated June 26, 2023, entitled, ***Feeding Futures School Food Programs Fund Spending Plan***, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda. He provided background on the Feeding Futures School Food Programs Fund (FFSFPP), noting that the Ministry of Education and Child Care had committed \$214.5 million in funding over three years provincially to school districts to increase food security for students. The Vancouver School District's allocation is \$5,566,910 for the 2023-2024 school year.

He reviewed the spending criteria for the FFSFPF and provided a brief overview of the District's recommendation for the FFSFPF Spending Plan, including the allocation of funding to five key areas.

He informed trustees that the spending plan had been shared at the Indigenous Education Council Meeting, and with stakeholders and the Vancouver District Students' Council, with feedback from these groups reflected in the Engagement Summary, that is attached to the report.

Moved by C. Richardson, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) approve the 2023-2024 Feeding Futures School Food Programs Fund spending plan as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2. Motion from Trustee Reddy: Memorandum of Understanding School Liaison Officer Program

Moved by J. Reddy, seconded by S. Mah, that trustees and Policy & Governance Committee members review and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Vancouver Board of Education and the Vancouver Police Department regarding the School Liaison Officer Program prior to its execution.

DEFEATED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, J. Fraser, S. Mah, J. Reddy

Against: P. Faridkot, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

9. NOTICES OF MOTION - none

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairperson acknowledged two questions were received related to the following:

- Question regarding a specific student. Staff will follow up on this question privately.
- Heritage status of Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School.

The Board Chair noted that information regarding the structure of Carleton will be included as part of the engagement process.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustees agreed to adjourn by consensus.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Shehzad Somji, Acting Secretary Treasurer

Victoria Jung, Chairperson