

NORTH and WEST VANCOUVER SCHOOL BOARDS  
REPORT OF MEETING OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE

April 7, 1964.

Place: Administration Office, North Vancouver

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Present: West Vancouver: Mrs. E.W. Ross (substituting for Mr. W.D. McEwen),  
Mrs. A.M. Edcliffo, Mr. H.C. Ferguson.  
North Vancouver: Mr. C. Peter Jones, Mr. Alex MacQuarrie,  
Mr. W.E. Lucas, Mr. L. Brooks

To establish the general terms of reference of the committee, it was decided that it should be known as the "Liaison Committee," and that while its immediate concern was continuing education it would be prepared to discuss and make recommendations about any shared operations of the member Boards. It was decided to meet alternately in North and West Vancouver, under the chairmanship of the host Board. Mr. Brooks was appointed secretary. The committee will meet as its needs dictate, or at the request of either Board.

The desirability of the drawing up of a statement of principles regarding continuing education, to be recommended to member Boards for adoption, was discussed. While no conclusion was reached, it was suggested that such a statement be prepared for discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Discussion then turned to the subject of a Regional College, the procedures for establishing it, and the question of whether or not there is a need for it. It was the opinion of most of the committee members that the need either exists now or will exist in the near future. Mr. McQuarrie, however, pointed out that no specific data had been produced to show that the need exists, or that the education at present provided by the secondary schools is not sufficiently adequate to enable our young people to take their place in society. It was suggested that the secretary should contact other school districts and find out what surveys can be made to test the question of need.

Discussion then turned to the desirability of an adult day school and a consolidated grade 13 on the North Shore. The establishment of an evening school which would offer a complete Junior and Senior matriculation programme is now being investigated in North Vancouver, and it was agreed that its establishment was desirable if practical. It was suggested that students with incomplete grade XII, returning to complete their matriculation should do so at such a school. The committee also agreed that it was desirous to consolidate all senior matriculation students in one centre where they might carry on their educational and social activities under adult conditions. Since this would involve an anticipated 240 students next year, however, the problem of housing such a group became apparent and no decision was reached as to the date at which this programme could be launched. It was pointed out by Mr. Jones that the establishment of these two programmes would provide an organic growth toward a Regional College.

Mr. McQuarrie expressed the opinion that if the committee was convinced of the desirability of a college, it should move directly toward the establishment of one. In this matter site was of paramount importance on the North Shore. It was therefore moved by Mrs. Ross, seconded by Mr. Brooks, that there should be an investigation into the possibility of securing a suitable site. It was agreed that the planners of North Vancouver City and District and of West Vancouver be consulted to determine what sites were available.

The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, May 5th at the Park Royal Hotel at 5:30 p.m. Included in the agenda will be a discussion on church operation, how they are carried on, and how terminated.

L.D.G. Brooks,  
Secretary

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