# a) Calling for the Re-Establishment of a Democratically Elected Board of Education for Vancouver Citizens

MOVED by Aaron Leung SECONDED by Anthony Santelices

#### **WHEREAS**

- 1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee is disappointed by the Minister of Education's decision to dismiss the Vancouver Board of Education that was democratically elected by Vancouver citizens;
- 2. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes the lack of stable, predictable, and adequate funding by the Provincial Government for all schools across the Province:
- 3. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee acknowledges that the Province has kept Vancouver students in unsafe, seismically unsound facilities over the past decade;
- 4. On May 12, 2016, the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee stated its position on the 2016 Operating Budget in support of its rejection and requested that the Vancouver Board of Education fulfill its elected term.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee send an urgent request to the Provincial Government asking them to call an election that re-establishes a democratically elected Board of Education before the initiation of the 2016/17 Vancouver School Board Budget Consultations;

AND FURTHER THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recommend that Vancouver City Council request that the Province establish an election as soon as possible in order for citizens to establish a democratically elected Board of Education.

### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

# b) Supporting the Amendment to Type A and B Committees

MOVED by Aaron Leung SECONDED by Frank Yan

## **WHEREAS**

- 1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee supports a democratically elected Board of Education;
- 2. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee believes that in accordance with their four-year mandate, elected Trustees should be able to

continue to serve their community in other capacities related to roles they have been

appointed to while serving on the Board of Education if allowed by that organization.

#### THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee fully support the Motion entitled "Support for a Democratically Elected Board of Education" being considered by Vancouver City Council at the November 15, 2016, Regular Council meeting.
- B. THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee ask that Council attempt to appoint Trustees who apply through the process back to the Committees they served on prior to dismissal for continuity.

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) Request a Meeting with the Minister of Education

MOVED by Aaron Leung SECONDED by Lena Hozaima

#### **WHEREAS**

- 1. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee recognizes its role in advocacy on behalf of children, youth and families in Vancouver;
- 2. The Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee acknowledges that it has a role in facilitating conversations between the public and government for issues that relate to the Committee's mandate.

# THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee write a letter requesting a meeting with the Minister of Education in partnership with student advocacy groups to discuss the issues facing the Vancouver school system;

AND FURTHER THAT the above-noted letter be posted to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee's Facebook page.

## CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY