



MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
 EDUCATION POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE
 HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2018 AT 7:30 PM
 NEW WESTMINSTER SECONDARY SCHOOL (NWSS)
 835 EIGHTH STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER

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| PRESENT | Casey Cook, Trustee
Michael Ewen, Trustee
Mark Gifford, Chair
James Janzen, Trustee | Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
Teri Stoneman, Interim Secretary-Treasurer
Lorena Jones, Learning and Innovation (NWSS) |
| REGRETS | Jonina Campbell, Trustee
Mary Lalji, Trustee
Kelly Slade-Kerr, Vice Chair | Brenda Kwok – Social Studies & the Redesigned Curriculum
Jeff Melville, Visual and Performing Arts – Photography and the Learning Commons
Garry Pattern – Applied Design Skills Technology
Laura Roberts, Vice Principal Grade 12/International
Steve Watkins and Peter Ha – Math
Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary |

Chair Ewen recognized and acknowledged the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

New item added 3c. Board Authority/Authorized Courses Overview.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the June 5, 2018 Open Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as amended .

Carried Unanimously

2. PRESENTATIONS - NWSS

Laura Roberts, Vice Principal Grade 12/International, welcomed the Board of Education and NWSS staff. The presenters and their topics were introduced:

- x Learning and Innovation – L. Jones
Appreciative Inquiry is a philosophy for change and provides the students an opportunity to explore the 4 D’s: Discovery, Dream, Design and Destiny. Students set the bar for inter-connective thinking and collaboration.
- x Social Studies and the Redesigned Curriculum – B. Kwok
The new curriculum supports the students’ knowledge and their understanding of the subject matter. Projects are based on positive inquiry by the student, which creates more engagement as they explore the answer.
- x Visual and Performing Arts – Photography and the Learning Commons - J. Melville
A new course, photography and digital media, has been quite successful. The course provides an opportunity for the students to try new techniques with photography and develop their digital style using industry-standard technology.
- x Math – S. Watkins and P. Ha
An overview of how the math department and curriculum has evolved over the past five years was highlighted. Teachers now have more autonomy to tailor courses to the students. The near future will include experimentation with computer-based math and programming software. Increased cross-curricular collaboration and guided inquiry.

- x Applied Design Skills & Technology (ADST) and Apprenticeship – G. Pattern
ADST includes a full complement of trades and applied design skills. Cross-department partnerships have developed by creating and building musical instruments for the music program and community projects such as building planter boxes for gardens at other District schools.

3. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

- a. Update on SOGI Initiatives
Superintendent Karim Hachlaf provided an update.
- b. Student Leadership Position Update
Superintendent Karim Hachlaf provided an update.
- c. Board Authority/Authorized Courses Overview
Associate Superintendent, Maryam Naser, provided an overview of seven existing Grade 10 Board Authority/Authorized courses, which have been re-aligned to the new curriculum. A recommendation to formally approve the changes will be brought forward at the June 26, 2018 Board meeting.

4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:35