

**MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATIONS POLICY and PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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10 minutes.**

Brent Atkinson, former Trustee, addressed the Board, citing that the employee in question is an employee of Fraser Health, and asked that the District appeal to Fraser Health to maintain the service as well as approach the government regarding the funding required to retain the service.

Lisa Graham, former Trustee, spoke to the need for retaining services.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Gifford thanked the audience for sharing their stories, reiterated the importance of the counselor and advised the matter is currently in-camera matter and the Board would not provide comment today.

3. Correspondence

- a. Letter from Dana Cupples, PAC Treasurer, Richard McBride Elementary School re BC Area Standards - December 5, 2018

Moved

THAT the Operations Policy & Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No.40 (New Westminster) that the Board compose a letter expressing support for the Parent Advocacy Network (PAN) initiative and send it to all the recipients of the original PAN correspondence.

NOT SECONDED

4. Reports from Senior Management

- a. Capital Projects Update
 - i. New Westminster Secondary School

Dave Crowe, Director, Capital Projects, and Grant Lachmuth, Black Wolf Consulting, updated the Committee as follows:

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c. Operations Update

Secretary-Treasurer Morris presented the Operations Update.

i. Statement of Financial Information Report

The 2017-2018 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Report was presented.

Visitor Kelly Slade-Kerr asked about a teacher who has \$11,580 in expenses, which is significantly higher than other teachers. Secretary-Treasurer Morris indicated that there are rigorous checks & balances in place regarding approval for expenses.

It was also highlighted the \$422,000 expense from Yellowridge Design Build Ltd. which was billed well after the project was completed. Morris advised there is ongoing discussion with Yellowridge; the District is not out-of-pocket in this case - the money is being kept in reserve as part of a deficiency holdback.

Moved and Seconded

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By consensus, staff will researching walking and other strategies for traffic calming and reduction, as well as working with Principal to work with Parent Advisory Council.

c. Expanding Child Care Proposal

Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided a review of the meetings and timeline since October 30, 2018 relative to the Board's motion to add 100 child care spaces in New Westminster.

Ministry of Child and Family Development has a 'new spaces fund', which could \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 grants.

The City of New Westminster's priority for child care is in the Queensborough area.

Staff advised that the City may support the District with the child care initiative at Richard McBride Elementary School by way of funding in addition to the new spaces funding.

Moved

AMENDED MOTION

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to direct staff to pursue the addition of child care spaces by applying for Ministry of Children and Families New Spaces funding as presented, and by pursuing partnership with the City of New Westminster for Richard McBride Elementary School, as presented;

AND FURTHER

Be it therefore resolved that the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to direct staff to work with all relevant Ministry partners and the City of New Westminster, to achieve an alternative, more appropriate solution to establish more permanent child care spaces in Queensborough that do not take away outdoor play space and report an update at the March 5, 2019 Combined Education and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting. The addition of child care spaces to be at no cost to the Board.

MOTION NOT SECONDED

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No.40 (New Westminster) to direct staff to pursue the addition of child care spaces by applying the Ministry of Children and Families new spaces funding as presented; and by pursuing partnership with the City of New Westminster for McBride Elementary School, as presented;

AND FURTHER

The addition of child care spaces as presented, be at no cost to the Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. New Business

a. Audit Committee

Secretary-Treasurer Morris advised the Committee of the need to, as per Board Policy 8: Board Committees, Section 11.3.2, secure the additional independent non-voting lay expert for the Audit Committee as set out in the Operations Policy & Planning Committee terms of reference.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to approve the revised language relative to the Audit Committee in Board Policy 8: Board Committees.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No.40 (New Westminster) to direct staff to send an expression of interest for Audit Committee representation as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.