

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

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 7:30 PM  
School Board Office  
811 Ontario Street, New Westminster**

**5. Reports from Senior Management**

- a. Capital Projects Update
  - i. New Westminster Secondary School  
Director of Capital Projects Crowe and Grant Lachmuth, Black Wolf Consulting, provided an update:
    - Teachers and students involved in the design completion of the classrooms and labs.
    - Civil and utilities work completed.
    - Communication required between stakeholders (theatre, arena and high school) to ensure that traffic management and traffic control is in place when events are taking place at these venues.
    - Landscape architects are working on plans as to what the memorialization area will look like.
    - Steelwork has been completed and concrete work approaching completion
    - Wall framings are complete and drywall is being installed.
    - No significant archeological discoveries have been made.
    - School opening is on-track for September 2020.
    - Demolition of the old school building is expected to take place in fall of 2020, after the equipment, etc. is moved over to the new building.
- b. Queensborough Middle School Childcare - City & District Partnership  
Associate Superintendent Naser provided advised the City will provide funding support for the move of two portables to Queensborough Middle School for before and after school care. Responses to the District's Requests for Proposal for a non-profit service provider have been received and are being reviewed. A recommendation is intended for the September 24, 2019 Regular Open Board meeting. Opening of the spaces is anticipated in November 2019.
- c. Operations Update
  - i. July-September 2019 Operations Update  
Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided an update on the activities of Operations and Finance staff during the summer, and thanked the Operations and Custodial crews for successful school opening, and the Finance staff for a successful year end audit.  
  
Superintendent Hachlaf expressed thanks to the crew for completion of many school upgrades such as flooring, lighting and seismic upgrades.  
  
Hume Park Home Learners Program seismic upgrade is a top priority for the District and is reflected as such on the Five-Year Annual Capital Plan.  
  
By consensus, the Board requested to receive updates on large donations received by the District.
  - ii. June 30, 2019 Financial Report  
Secretary-Treasurer Morris provided highlights of the Revenues and Expenses. The District came with the Disbu]TJ 0.0dam suar hiaa

iii. July 31, 2019 Financial Report

- a) ***excuse attendance of any high school student that presents a permission slip, signed by their parent or guardian;***
- b) ***excuse attendance of any elementary or middle-school student, if accompanied by their parent, guardian or authorized adult;***
- c) ***not penalize any student who chooses to miss classes on September 27 in order to participate in lawful Climate Strike activities.***

***Furthermore, staff are encouraged to incorporate relevant climate strike information into educational programming, as appropriate, during week of September 23rd.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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