

**MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EDUCATION POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 6:30 PM**

**POWER**

**200-1065 Columbia Street, New Westminster**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Anita Ansari, Vice Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Trustee	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee	Robert Weston, Executive Director of Human Resources
	Mark Gifford, Chair	Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
	Maya Russell, Trustee	Guests:
	Student Trustees:	Pam Craven, District Principal, POWER
	Rebecca Ballard	Lloyd Greene, Youth Care Worker, POWER
	Tony Jiang	Jim Russell, Teacher, POWER
	Sierra Rose-Hand	Anjala Banziger, School Psychologist
		Christy den Haan-Veltman, Teacher, NWSS
		Bruce Cunnings, Director, Instruction, Learning Services
		Quirina Gamblen, Director of Programs & Planning
		Emily Larkman, SLP/Reading Intervention
		Tammy McArthur, Teacher, NWSS
<b>REGRETS</b>	Mary Lalji, Trustee	

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the agenda for the November 5, 2019 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Presentations**

a. POWER Learning Plan

District Principal Pam Craven introduced Lloyd Greene, Youth Care Worker, and Jim Russell, teacher at POWER who presented an overview of the Learning Plan as follows:

- Current enrollment: 35 students.
- Most students have selected the POWER program because it provides them with more flexibility and support in their learning.
- This program also supports students who require skills in self-management;a èn)^•À R, \_



**5. New Business**

Nil.

**6. Reports from Senior Management**

a. Career Programs Report

Presenters Tammy McArthur and Christy den Haan-Veltman updated the Board on the Career, Training and Work Options for students at NWSS. The redesigned curriculum includes two new courses delivered in Grades 10 and 12 - Career-Life Exploration and Career-Life Connections, which prepares students to be effective citizens and life-long learners; provides knowledge and develops personal and social skills for future career life choices. This semester, 77 students are enrolled in Youth Explore Trades Skills.

Plans include to increase classes from 2 to 3 next year; continue to grow WORK student portfolio; explore more dual credit options with local post-secondary institutions; increase work experience opportunities; create help centre for students applying to post-secondary institutions and scholarships; establish new career centre at NWSS.

Superintendent Hachlaf indicated that the Careers Program provides important opportunities for students, which the District will continue to support.

b.

7. **General Announcements**

Nil.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.