

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR OPEN MEETING  
OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 7:00 PM  
School Board Office  
811 Ontario Street, New Westminster**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Anita Ansari, Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Trustee	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Vice-Chair	Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources
	Mark Gifford, Trustee	Bruce Cunnings, Director of Instruction, Learning Services
	Maya Russell, Trustee	Pam Craven, District Principal
		Cheryl Kelly, Teacher, Continuing Education
		Patricia Kearney, Teacher, Continuing Education
		Sarah Wethered, Teacher-Librarian
		Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
<b>REGRETS</b>	Mary Lalji, Trustee	

**1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

The chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**2020-001**

**Moved and Seconded**

improving school library learning commons programs in areas identified in *Leading Learning: Standards of Practice for School Library Learning Commons in Canada*.

4. **COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS**

NWTU President Eric Young advised the Board that two Continuing Education staff members would join the meeting to present a letter to the Board for their consideration.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received.

Chair Ansari confirmed that child care is essential to the community and that the Board is committed to find solutions.

6. **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, January 14, 2020 – the meeting was cancelled due to weather.

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, January 21, 2020

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**2020-006**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) recommends that BCSTA advocates / requests / encourages / urges the Provincial Government (Ministry of Education and Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy) to provide funding to support climate literacy in all BC schools (i.e. curriculum supports, professional development opportunities).***

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Looking ahead, course development will include career life connection 12 (blended model at NWSS); French 12; marketing to attract more adults to the program.

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham was asked to provide the funding levels for online learning and continuing education programs and bring this to the February 11 Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

- Currently, the program is incurring a decrease in revenue of approximately \$1.2M:
- Next steps include decisions that need to be made within a compressed timeline as a new budget cycle is upon us and maintenance would require lead time to prepare for site preparation, etc.

Discussion followed. It was asked that additional information be provided to the Board at the February 11 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting. Perhaps, conduct a survey of the Continuing Education students asking them what they would like to see retained from the current program; what is foundational; what would their preference be as to how and when (daytime, afternoon, evening) the program is offered? Could child care be provided? Would need to find out what Burnaby Schools' Continuing Education and what Douglas College offers in comparison to the District.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

Nil.

**9. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

- a. Provincial Policy Matters - Direction to Board Representative to BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting

The previously discussed BCSTA motion regarding Climate Emergency Literacy Funding will be brought forward. Trustee Connelly will search the BCSTA motion database regarding any motions pd [(dat)d38 und (s )Tj1tio(s)-2 (c)-2 (us)-on d Nil.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer