

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

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 5:00 PM
Via Webex Livestream**

PRESENT Anita O'Malley, Trustee
Danielle Connelly, Trustee
Gurveen Dhaliwal, Vice Chair
Mark Gifford, Trustee
Maya Russell, Trustee
Student Trustees
Jeryca Hechanova
Sam Killawee
Anastasija Petrovic

Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
Robert Weston, Executive Director of Human Resources
Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
Guests:
Members of the Public
Stacy Brine, Social Studies Teacher, NWSS
Chris Evans, Principal, Glenbrook Middle School
Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager
Emily Larkman, SLP/Reading Intervention
Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminister Record
Cathy McMillan, Dyslexia BC
Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovations
Sarah Wethered, NWTU
Carmen Woo, Teacher-Librarian, Glenbrook Middle School

REGRETS Mary Lalji, Trustee

Chair Beattie 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. Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 5:03pm.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the October 13, 2020 Education Policy and Planning

Committee meeting be adopted as presented. Certificate of Appreciation presented to Carmen Woo, recipient of the Prime Minister's for Teaching Excellence. Carmen thanked the Board for their acknowledgment.

b. *Dyslexia Awareness Month*

Committee Chair Beattie introduced Cathy McMillan of Dyslexia BC. Cathy that she is the parent of two adult children with Dyslexia. The purpose and goals of Dyslexia BC were reviewed and their advocacy work with the Ministry of Education were highlighted. Approximately, 80% of all learning disabilities are Dyslexia related to Dyslexia. The Learning Disabilities Association of Canada estimates

For almost 20 years, the District's Child and Youth Resource Unit consists of three Child and Youth Liaison Officers (CYLO), two of these are school-based in Elementary/Middle Schools and Secondary School. The third officer is community-based with the Alternate Programs (RCAP, POWER, and SIGMA). The Program is fully funded by the New Westminster Police Department (NYPD), which is a voluntary partnership with the District. CYLOs receive specialized training; they are currently re-assigned to other duties and are not in schools. The various duties and activities that the CYLOs engage in within the District were highlighted.