

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

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 6:15 PM
Via Webex Livestream**

PRESENT Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair

iii. TIS Verbal Update

Associate Superintendent Naser introduced the new IT Director Curtis Dunn who recently joined the District. IT will focus on the following four areas:

1. Hardware refresh cycle - specifically laptops.
2. NWSS - IT team prepared the school for students and staff. Associate Superintendent Naser thanked everyone involved who worked over the winter holiday to make this happen.
3. Audit of the bandwidth in schools to ensure connectivity for all schools; looking at making future improvements.
4. Xerox multi-functional devices are being refreshed and hope to complete that work later January.

e. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Hachlaf updated the Board on the COVID-19 notifications. In discussions with Fraser Health and Superintendents from Districts within its health authority, additional changes to COVID-19 reporting to improve streamlining of communications will be forthcoming. Superintendent Hachlaf will provide additional feedback at the January 26 Board meeting. The Ministry of Education has indicated that the FSA and Grade 10 assessments will proceed. The timeline for the administration of these tests will be extended.

f. F.W. Howay & Richard McBride Elementary Catchment Review Update

Superintendent Hachlaf mentioned that additional feedback will be f 0.337 0 Td [(19nlc 19.185 0