

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

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 7:30 PM
School Board Office
811 Ontario Street, New Westminster**

PRESENT Anita Ansari, Vice Chair
Dee Beattie, Trustee
Danielle Connelly, Trustee
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Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Kim Morris, Secretary-Treasurer
Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Orange Shirt Day

TransLink region and all transit systems in BC to ensure our most at-risk youth can attend school.

AND FURTHER THAT the Board write a separate letter to the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation asking them to:

- 1. require TransLink adopt a poverty reduction/equity mandate in order to address the outstanding issue of lack of affordability measures to ensure those who need public transit the most can access the essential service, and**
- 2. to request the Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation and TransLink immediately and without delay amend existing by-laws and cease ticketing all minors for fare evasion as the first step towards the full implementation of free transit for children and youth 0-18, unlink ICBC from fare evasion for youth and adults, allow low-income adults to access community service as an alternative to the financial penalty of a fare evasion ticket; and implement free transit for youth without delay.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- iv. HPV9 Vaccination Equity
2019-096
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No.40 (New Westminster) write a letter to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Education and the Secretary for Gender Equity requesting that the HPV9 vaccine be provided free of charge for all males age 9 - 0 T 9 , m C - R I E

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- b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, September 17, 2019
- i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly
Trustee Connelly thanked HUB New Westminster for their NWSS Cycling Access presentation.
- ii. Approval of the September 17, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes
2019-099
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the September 17, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- iii. NWSS Cycling Access
2019-100
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) endorse HUB New Westminster's request for separated bicycle lanes to and around the new NWSS, and that the Board communicate its support for this request directly to New Westminster's Mayor and Council.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- iv. 2020-2021 International Program Fees Review
Trustee Russell and Chair Gifford attended an information session on mental health matters concerning International students relative to learning environments they experience.
2019-101
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the revised fees for the International Education Program as follows: \$15,000 annual fee plus medical \$1,000 and monthly homestay \$950, effective July 2020 for new students.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- v. New Westminster Schools Support for Student Climate Strike on September 27, 2019
Trustee Dhaliwal mentioned that the students will be walking out at 11:00am and walking to New Westminster SkyTrain station. They will attend a gathering downtown Vancouver from 1:00pm to 3:00pm.
2019-102
Moved and Seconded
THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) support students in New Westminster to work with others across British Columbia, Canada and around the world, who have called on adults and peers to mobilize an International Climate Strike on September 27, 2019.

In solidarity with student efforts to amplify climate concerns, and in recognition of the unique importance of the Climate Strike scheduled to take place in Vancouver on Friday, September 27, the New Westminster Board of Education will:

- 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

7. REPORTS SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Hachlaf provided an overview of the following:

- Strategic Plan 2019-2024: draft to be finalized and formalized this fall
- Secretary-Treasurer recruitment has been completed. Superintendent Hachlaf thanked Secretary-Treasurer Morris for her excellent work. He announced that Bettina Ketcham will join the District as Secretary-Treasurer on October 15, 2019. Bettina has worked with the Quesnel School District and in the private sector at KPMG. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience and wil2l(g)]TJ 19.783 prls with her a wealttíá rn , ` ` &êfí

- c. School Nourishment Program Update
Director of Programs & Planning Gamblen provided a brief overview of the status