

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

Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 7:30 PM
School Board Office
811 Ontario Street, New Westminster

PRESENT

1. Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the October 15, 2019 Open Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Correspondence

Correspondence was received.

3. Comment & Question Period from Visitors

Nil.

4. Present ations

a. SD40 for the Climate

Three SD40 for the Climate members from New Westminster High School presented a brief overview of global climate change and outlined some potential options for the District to adopt to reduce its carbon footprint.

Several neighbouring school districts and city councils have adopted a climate change/emergency motion. Important to train staff to increase their knowledge base around climate change.

Superintendent Hachlaf thanked the students for their well thought-out presentation and work, which echoes the District's core competencies.

i. Backgrounder-Climate Action Motion

Trustee Dhaliwal introduced the motions, which were moved and seconded. Discussion followed. Superintendent Hachlaf asked that staff have an opportunity to review the second and third recommendations and bring back the motions with some additional background information to the November 19, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

The Board unanimously agreed to postpone the vote on the second and third recommendations to the November 19, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to declare a climate emergency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved and Seconded

POSTPONED

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to direct staff to create a long-term Environmental Strategy and Climate Action Plan, by September 2020, that includes the following:

- Measurable targets, timelines and goals to reduce SD40's greenhouse gas emissions, as per the IPCC report.
- Specifics surrounding SD40 facilities and operations, transportation, purchasing, procurement and vendor relations.
- Costs associated to meet climate targets.
- Opportunities for stakeholder collaboration and staff, student and community engagement.

Moved and Seconded

POSTPONED

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to

Superintendent Hachlaf indicated that he has discussed this matter at a Metro Superintendent's meeting. The one-time cost to New Westminister Schools is \$130K. There may be an opportunity to raise this issue as an advocacy item at the October 25-26 BCSTA Provincial Council. BCSTA Provincial Representative Trustee Connelly confirmed she will also bring this forward at the Metro Trustees meeting on October 16.

d. Surplus Appropriation Approval

On September 1, 2019, international students will be assessed BC health care coverage (MSP). A summary of additional cost pressures amounting to \$625K was shared. A significant item of note was MSP.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) to authorize further appropriation of unrestricted surplus in the amount of \$625,000 for the 2019- 2020 fiscal year, as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e. Neighbourhood Learning Centres Update

Superintendent Hachlaf provided an update on the status of the Neighbourhood Learning Centres for Richard McBride Elementary and New Westminister Secondary Schools. There will be two separate committees struck. They will commence work soon and will meet throughout the year.

6. General Announcements

Nil.

7. New Business

a. BCSTA Provincial Council Motions

BCSTA Provincial Representative Connelly indicated that the motions being brought forward to BCSTA will include vaping and HPV9.

b. Bank Signing Authority

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham indicated that former Secretary-Treasurer Morris will be removed; new and current Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham will be added as signing authority.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister)'s bank signing authorities Mark Gifford, Chair, Anita Ansari, Vice Chair, Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent, and Bettina Ketcham, Secretary -Treasurer be approved;

AND FURTHER that effective immediately, bank signing authority Kim Morris former Secretary -Treasurer, be removed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Old Business

Nil.

9. Question Period (15 Minutes)

Nil.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.