

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

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 6:30 PM
Via Webex Livestream**

PRESENT Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair
Dee Beattie, Vice Chair
Anita Ansari, Trustee
Danielle Connelly, Trustee
Mark Gifford, Trustee
Mary Lalji, Trustee
Maya Russell, Trustee

Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
Robert Weston, Executive Director of Human Resources
Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
Guests:
Members of the Public
Tanis Anderson, District Vice Principal, Early Learning
Dave Crowe, Director of Capital Projects
Amy Grey, Senior Manager, KPMG
Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminister Record
Sarah Wethered, President, NWTU

1. Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the June 8, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee

- City inspections fty /TT1 1 Tf 12 -[1 1 9 (f)-1he Tm <00.12 0 Td (3)Tj 0e

- Office 365 implementation is progressing – care is being taken to ensure privacy and security measures are met. Data is being migrated to the OneDrive. Servers are hosted in Canada. MyEd data is hosted on local servers and will not be moved to the cloud.

c. Orange Shirt Week

Associate Superintendent Naser brought forward the motion for Orange Shirt Week. This year's Orange Shirt Day on September 30, the Board's presentation will include an overview of the initiatives ahead for the school year regarding Professional Development, and initiatives such as the Elder Program. Presentation to include members of the Indigenous team.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Operations Policy & Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to acknowledge Orange Shirt Week from September 27 to October 1, 2021 and encourage staff and student participation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Childcare Update

District Vice Principal of Early Learning Anderson updated the Board on childcare initiatives at several District elementary schools. The Seamless Day pilot is confirmed at École Qayqayt Elementary School. This will provide 12 additional spaces for primary students. Hopeful for a September opening. Staffing is a challenge. Early Childhood Educators would be hired - one for early morning shift and then afternoon shift who would work with Kindergarten teachers for a seamless approach. The provincial government has not provided any additional funding for Educational Assistants to provide this assistance. They could potentially work with WCAS, not as employees of the District.

e. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Hachlaf provided an overview of the COVID-19 data from the past month. Comparatively, there is very little difference - change of 1 additional notification received in May, compared to April. Self-isolation notifications were identical - 15 notifications. There have been no notifications received since June 1. The District is currently in Stage 2 of the Restart Plan and there is no plan to change this. As we look ahead to Step 4 of the Provincial Plan, the earliest it would be implemented is September 7. Work will be done over the summer to update the COVID-19 Health & Safety Plan. It is anticipated, that the cohort restrictions will be lifted by September 7. Summer school programs will also remain at Stage 2.

5. General Announcements

Nil.

6. Old Business

Nil.

7. Question Period (15 Minutes)

Nil.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.