

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

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 7:00 PM  
School Board Office  
811 Ontario Street, New Westminster

PRESENT	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair Dee Beattie, Vice Chair 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, Human Resources Guests: Members of the Public Kathleen Carlsen, DPAC Chair Bruce Cunnings, Director, Instruction, Learning Services Rav Johal, District Principal, Equity & Inclusion Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record Marcel Marsolais, President CUPE Local 409 Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director, Instruction, Learning & Innovation Sarah Wethered, NWTU Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
REGRETS	Anita Ansari, Trustee	

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

2021-048

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the agenda for the June 22, 2021 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:

3. PRESENTATION

Chair Dhaliwal recognized and congratulated District science teacher Darren Ng as the first recipient of the Gordon Gore Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching.

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

Laura Kwong, École Qayqayt Elementary School and PAC member spoke to a pedestrian safety concern at the school. Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham provided an update on the safety features put into practice at the school, which mitigate hazards and ensure the safety of the students, parents and staff. More information to come at a future date.

Anne Whitmore asked about the return to school for those students who have been learning online for the past year. What is the plan in place to support the students transitioning from online to in-person instruction? Superintendent Hachlaf confirmed that the approach taken with Anne's family is the process followed for all families. Many parents have provided positive feedback. Director McRae-Stanger indicated that each school has their own plan to work with students and their families to ensure they have the support in place.

Kathleen Carlsen, DPAC Chair, provided an update on the DPAC meeting held June 17.

Garey Carlson followed up on the comments from Laura Kwong regarding the pedestrian safety matter at Qayqayt.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, June 8, 2021

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Russell

No comments.

ii. Approval of the June 8, 2021 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2021-050

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, June 8, 2021

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly

Trustee Connelly thanked everyone for their work this past year.

ii. Approval of the June 8, 2021 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

2021-051

Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the June 8, 2021 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.

- iii. Orange Shirt Day  
2021-052  
Moved and Seconded

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Superintendent Update

- i. Good things are happening 2020/2021 year in review

Superintendent Hachlaf provided an overview of the past year. Highlights included:

COVID-19 and its impact on the District.

Opening of brand new New Westminster Secondary School

NWSS Grad 2021 - held in new theatre

District Retirees were acknowledged.

- ii. Equity & Inclusion

District Principal Equity & Inclusion Johal provided an update. June is National Indigenous History Month and activities held within the District were highlighted. Bakau Consulting will provide their report on anti-racism initiative within the District in September.

b. 2022-23 Major Capital Plan Submission

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham provided highlights:

Annual Facilities Grant expenditure due June 30, 2021.

Minor Capital Projects due September 30, 2021:

- o Need for additional elementary school site (500 students in Fraser River Zone); to be located near a City-owned park.
- o Expansion for Fraser River Middle School - to add 200 extra seats, to be built overtop existing parking lot.
- o New middle school in Fraser River area.
- o Second elementary school site at Hume Park / Sapperton.
- o Requesting a seismic upgrade for Hume Park.
- o Space to support RCAP/POWER program currently at Columbia Square.

Major Capital Projects due July 31, 2021.

Discussion followed.

2021-053  
Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the 2022- 23 Major Capital Plan Submission as presented for submission to the Ministry of Education.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c. Inclusive Practices Review Update

Director Cunnings provided highlights:

Phase 1 of three-year implementation plan:

- o Moving into Phase 2 with nine recommendations.
- o Applicants are being screened to move into cohort for the Education Assistant Training program.
- o Professional Development opportunities were highlighted.
- o Home School Partnerships.
- o Parent Resource - now available online at the District website (add link)
- o The Advisory Group members were thanked for their work on this initiative
- o SharePoint site has been setup to share tools within the District

Kathleen Carlsen and Anne Whitmore delivered remarks.

Chair Dhaliwal thanked Bruce and the Advisory Group for their work. Please refer to the meeting video for full discussion.

d. Administrative Procedures Update (Sr. Management)

Associate Superintendent Naser reviewed the changes made to select Administrative Procedures (AP) 220, 300 and 345. Any edits made to Administrative Procedures are brought forward to the Board for information.

District Principal Johal highlighted edits made to AP 104, 162 Appendix A and 173.

Executive Director of Human Resources Weston introduced the changes made to AP 160 Appendix B.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Sanctuary Schools Verbal Update

Trustees Connelly and Russell provided highlights.

b. Memorialization Advisory Committee Verbal Update

Trustees Gifford and Russell provided highlights.

8. OLD BUSINESS

a. Child and Youth Liaison Officer Program Survey

The information was included in the agenda package. There was no report at the meeting.

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees provided highlights of events they attended in June.

10. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the meeting.

Please refer to the meeting video for full comments and questions.

Chair Dhaliwal wished everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 14, 2021: Education Policy & Planning Committee Meeting,  
5:00pm - School Board Office

Tuesday, September 14, 2021: Operations Policy & Planning Committee Meeting,  
6:30pm - School Board Office

Tuesday, September 28, 2021: School Board Meeting, 7:00pm - School Board Office

Reminder:

Orange Shirt Day, September 30

12. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

a. Record of the May 25, 2021 In-Camera Meeting

b. Record of the June 4, 2021 Special In-Camera Meeting

c. Record of the June 16, 2021 Special In-Camera Meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer