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Guests:
Members of the Public
Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminister Record
Sarah Wethered, President NWTU
Dave Crowe, Director - Capital Projects
Kathleen Carlsen, DPAC Chair
Cyrus Sy, DPAC
Janet Kinneard, CUPE
Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary

The New Westminister School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nation, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the October 26, 2021 Regular School Board meeting as amended.

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- a. Minutes from the Open Meeting held:
- i. September 27, 2021 Special Open Meeting
 - ii. September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - iii. October 1, 2021 Special Open Meeting

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes as distributed for the September 27, 2021 Special Open Meeting, the September 28, 2021 Regular

School Board meeting and the October 1, 2021 Special Open Meeting.

b. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil.

DPAC: Cyrus Sy shared a thank you from DPAC to the Board and the District for its continued efforts towards COVID-19 health and safety measures to keep students safe and schools open. They await the District and Board to approve and implement its own vaccine policy. While they are disappointed the staff vaccination was not provincially mandated, they are pleased to see that daytime custodians are in place until the end of the school year. Cyrus reported that their members passed two separate motions related to bus transportation for high-school students in Queensborough and indicated their support for the 2022-23 District Capital Plan by writing a letter to the Ministry.

CUPE: Janet Kinneard shared that last year, custodial staff were working during the day but this year only touch-points are currently cleaned in the afternoon and they feel that it is not enough; they are glad to be a part of the pilot program for seamless Childcare - before and after school care for primary level students at Qayqayt; they are supporting policies but not mandates around vaccination and suggested more personal protective equipment, plexi-glass, alternate work settings, leave without pay, location changes and other measures for COVID-19 health and safety.

NWTU: Sarah Wethered, President NWTU shared that she met with the music educators who have some concerns which will be shared via a letter that highlights what those concerns are. She also shared that they will conduct an equity audit later this year of their local after they do some training from the BCTF and look forward to working with the District on their equity and inclusion initiatives.

Parents shared their perspectives and concerns. Please refer to the meeting video for full comments.

Nil.

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, October 12, 2021

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Russell

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to add a disclaimer to posted video meetings that opinions, views and information shared by public participants in certain sections of the meetings may not be reflective of the views of either the Board of Education or of New Westminster Schools.

Indigenous Focused Professional Development - November 12, 2021

- a. Record of the September 28, 2021 In-