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

Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 7:00 PM

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Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Dee Beattie, Vice-Chair	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
Anita Ansari, Trustee	Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources
Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Guests:
Mark Gifford, Trustee	Members of the Public
Mary Lalji, Trustee	Members of NWSS Environmental Club
	Dave Bollen, President, CUPE 409
	Kathleen Carlsen, DPAC Chair
	Dave Crowe, Director - Capital Projects
	Bruce Cunnings, Director of Instruction and Learning
	Amy Grey, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
	Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager
	Laura Kwong, DPAC
	Iain Lancaster, District Vice Principal of Programs & Planning

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Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes as distributed for the January 25, 2022 Regular School Board meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. Business Arising from the Minutes
Nil.

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Climate Action Update (B. Ketcham & I. Lancaster)

- i. 2022 Climate Action

Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham provided an introduction to the 2022 Climate Action presentation, noting that education has largely been the focus. She and District Vice Principal, Programs & Planning Lancaster shared updates and highlights:

Updates from the 2020 presentation:

- x Skwo:wech and New Westminster Secondary schools - completion and decommissioning
- x Energy conservation upgrades at various schools
- x Waste reduction
- x Water conservation
- x School grounds and transportation

Board approved Climate Action Strategy:

- x 0.4 FTE reallocation from District staff portfolio to support climate action in schools:
 - o SharePoint on District portal which provides teachers with resources to embed climate action into their daily activities
 - o Resources going to schools by developing available resources for teachers (tied to curricular framework; UDL framework; Units of Inquiry; Engaging Activities)
 - o Edwin classroom app
 - o New books/resources for loan at Media Services

- x Climate Action Grants:

Reprioritization of \$10,000 in grants to schools to support Green Teams. Twelve grants were received for various projects:

- o Starting or expanding school gardens; two schools are focusing on pollinator populations

the District. The Spirit Bear book was donated to all locals from CUPE BC, part of an initiative for Truth and Reconciliation.

c. Inclusive Education Review (B. Cunnings & C. Swan)

Director of Instruction-Learning Services Cunnings and District Vice Principal Indigenous Education Swan provided highlights of the Inclusive Education Review - Phase Two (2021 – 2022):

- x High quality professional learning: Training and development for IEP relevant staff that includes a recommendation and actions. Details of the February 22, 2022 Professional Development Day were shared.
- x Effective student transition supports that includes key areas of growth in the District
- x Effective academic student supports that includes a recommendation and actions
- x Effective Indigenous student supports that includes a recommendation and actions
- x Home school partnerships that includes a recommendation and actions

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