

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

Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 7:00 PM  
Via Zoom Link

PRESENT	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair Maya Russell, Vice-Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent Maryam Naser, Assistant Superintendent
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The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the meeting.

Members of the public voiced concerns regarding discussions by the Board of Education regarding the Purpose Society relocation and the Motion put forth by Trustee Beattie to the Board of Education to move from virtual to in-person meetings. Please refer to the meeting video for full comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Dhaliwal acknowledged the following letters that were sent to the SD 40 Board of Education.

- a. Proposal for a school annex and childcare.
- b. Kindra Stowe letter re: daycare closures.
- c. NWTU letter re: safety at NWSS and response.
- d. CUPE letter re: Help BC create thousands of school-age childcare spaces.
- e. New Westminister Council of Women re: letter community school programs.

Item: 5. (a) Chair Dhaliwal clarified that the proposal for a school annex and childcare was sent to SD40 Board of Education by Allison Clavelle and Laura Kwong as two parents, and not by DPAC as originally stated in tonight's agenda.

Trustee Connelly put forth a recommendation to endorse the CUPE initiative

Item: 5. (d)

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6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil.

7. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Superintendent Hachlaf provided an update on the following activities.

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opportunity to feel connected to their children’s learning by discussing the learning process with their teachers, and how their children are progressing in school. SLP’s are located on a school’s website under the ‘About Us’ tab under ‘Learner Success.’

b. Short Term Capacity Review Update – Child Care (B. Ketcham)

- Secretary-Treasurer stated that since October 2022, she had participated in several meetings with the City, Purpose Society, and her team to explore and identify a more central downtown location as requested by the community members. No solutions were identified based on funding, timeline or practicality considerations.
- A statement was received by Purpose Society which acknowledges that they would like to take the district up on both relocations to both Lord Tweedsmuir and F.W. Howay Elementary in respect to moving ‘Ready Set Grow,’ and the QayQayt Children’s Centre to these sites. Ketcham reiterated the timeline would be for March 2024 to allow the district time to convert these spaces once a seamless transition has been accomplished; then begin renovations of spaces to classroom use for September 2024.

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Moved and Seconded

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the relocation of the Ready Set Grow Children’s Centre (located at FRMS) to the grounds of Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary School and relocation of QayQayt Children’s Centre to the grounds of F.W. Howay Elementary School.

AND THAT the New Spaces Funding for Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary and FW Howay be accepted and approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustees were given the opportunity to ask questions and discussions ensued.

Secretary-Treasurer clarified that once the Board makes its decision surrounding accepting this new spaces funding that it is tied to a particular agreement, and this agreement does stipulate for the relocations to these sites. Once this agreement is signed this new spaces funding and relocations will move ahead as planned. It does not preclude staff from still providing assistance where we can find solutions that are community oriented and in the downtown location; whether it is with Purpose Society, the City or any other stakeholder that may

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- c. Student Family and Affordability Fund Update (B. Ketcham)
  - Secretary-Treasurer Ketcham stated that in August 2022, the Province made the announcement for \$60 million dollars to be spread across all school districts to assist families with challenges of inflation. The NW School District received



Minutes –



12. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING

- a. Record of the December 13, 2022, In-Camera Board Meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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