



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

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, 3:30 PM
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PRESENT Marc Andres, Committee Chair Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Dee Beattie, Trustee Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
Danielle Connelly, Trustee Anne-Marie Martin, Recording Secretary
Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee Guests:
Cheryl Sluis, Trustee Members of the Public
Elliott Slinn, Trustee Pam Craven, Dist. Principal Power Alternate & Online
Maya Russell, Trustee Programs
Bruce Cunnings, Director, Instruction, Learning
Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director of Instruction-Learning
& Innovations
Tanis Anderson, District VP – Early Learning
Ken Headley, Dist. VP – Diversity, Equity, Inclusion &
Antiracism
Connie Swan, Dist. VP Indigenous Education
Melanie Smith, Dist. VP, Safe & Caring Schools

REGRETS Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer

3. COMMENT AND QUESTION PERIOD

No comments or questions at this moment.

4. STUDENT VOICE

Shantei Leal & Porya Dashtipour introduced themselves to the Board. They provided a review of the 2022-23 Fall Survey results and read through some key questions. Currently there have been over 615 responses. The survey and summary are entirely student-based.

- Question: Trustee Sluis - w

b. District Calendar discussion (Maryam Naser)

- Next year's calendar was posted for public consultation, and we received no feedback. The 2023/24 calendar will be brought back to the upcoming board meeting for final approval.
- Question – Trustee Beattie – we heard today that BC is planning on making September 30th a holiday, has that been incorporated?
 - Answer – Superintendent Karim – no not yet we need time to make that proclamation.
- Question – Trustee Beattie – How does that work? Do we add more minutes to the day or add more school days?
 - Answer – It is contemplated in the calendar as part of our calculations.
- Comment - Trustee Connelly can we have put up on our District website to please check your individual school calendar as it may have additional instructional days or early releases.

c. Programs of Choice Update (Maryam Naser)

- Please refer to the backgrounder for more details provided on the work that's happened so far.
- Nancy Brennan External Consultant is currently travelling, or she would have been here. She will be attending the next Education Committee meeting to provide the board with an update on the work.
- Work to date includes school visits, principal p(e)10 (3(i)6 (6012 Tw -pi)6 (ng t)12 (o () cur >>BDrn6d(s)4 (c.06 (y)4 (t)2.it w)6hhe wo4(c.0-28.42d [(or)7

