

BOARD OF EDUCATION SD NO. 40 (NEW WESTMINSTER) EDUCATION POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 3:30 pm



NMSS Startup Highlights

- School opening activity
- Grade 9 Parent night
- Reconciliation week activities



Timetable Exploration

Exploration of Numbers



Current 2300 students

Number of classrooms by block not currently being utilized at full capacity (25+ students)

Semester 1 Block A - 2 classrooms

Block D – 2 classrooms

Semester 2 Block D – 2 classrooms

*All special purpose spaces are fully utilized

Things to review:

**Optimize schedule by taking a closer look at under subscripted classes running

**Review course completion numbers for grade 12 students and determine above graduation requirements

**Combine classes where possible

Lessons from other Districts

Extended day timetable – 5 block model process overview

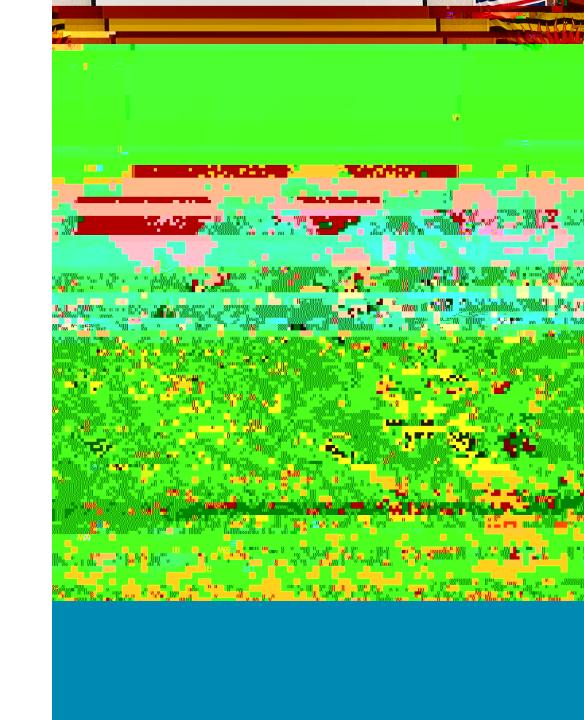
Positive:

Student schedules block 1-4 or 2-5

Bank time to have early dismissal X times per year for staff meetings

Negative:

Adds 2-



Survey-





Exploration of Ideas

Things to consider:

Optimizing schedule

Drop and add structure for courses

Increase online offerings (CLE)



Next Steps

Timeframe	Item	Person Responsible
10-Oct	Education meeting	
11-Oct	Department meeting	Murray



Indigenous Education & DEI Anti-Racism Presentation October 10, 2023

Indigenous Education Department Staff

Sherry Bellerose – Fraser Middle School

Lee Laufer—Glenbrook, RCap & Power

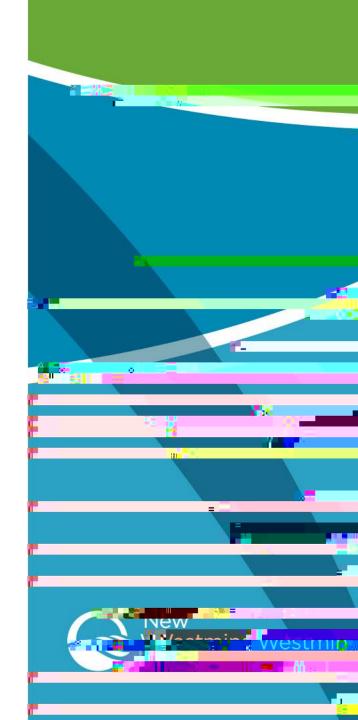
Laura Newman—NWSS & Sigma

Roslyn Smith—Lord Kalvin, F.W. Howay & Lord Tweedsmuir

Jasmine Tannahill—Qayqayt, Queen Elizabeth, Queensborough Middle School

Connie Swan – District VP – Indigenous Education

Amelia Laidlaw – Coordinator of Indigenous Curriculum/Transitions





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Amelia/Amy dishinihkaashoon.

Maple Ridge d'ooshchiin.

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Ni Mooshoom Manitoba d'ooshchiin.

Ni Nookoom Slovakia d'ooshchiin.



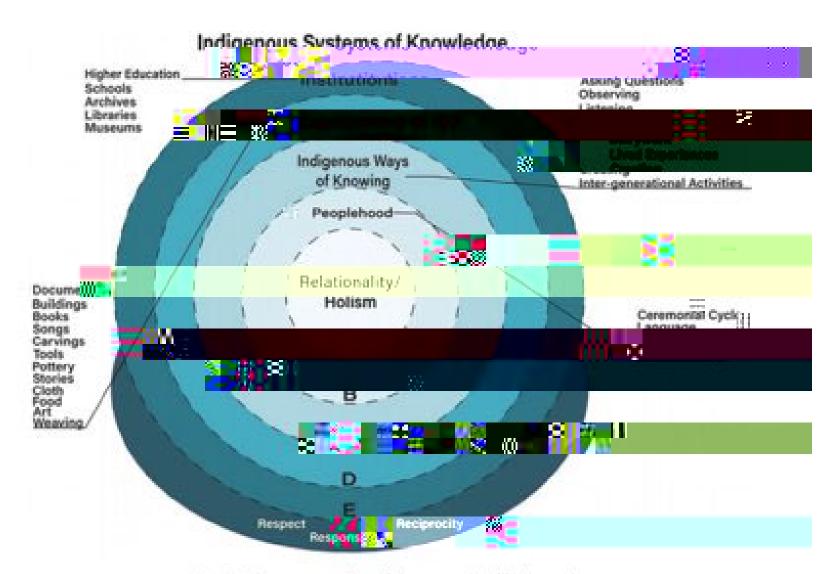
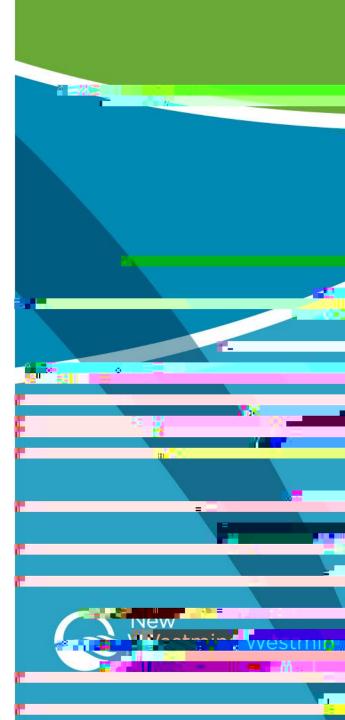
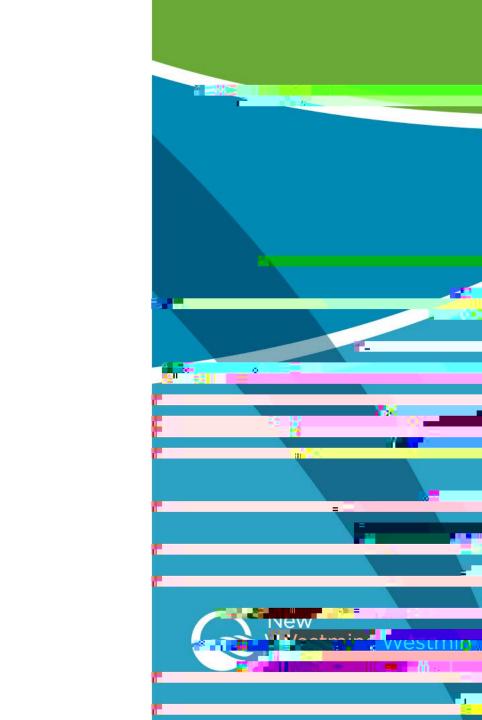


Figure 2. Indigenous systems of knowledge conceptual model with examples.





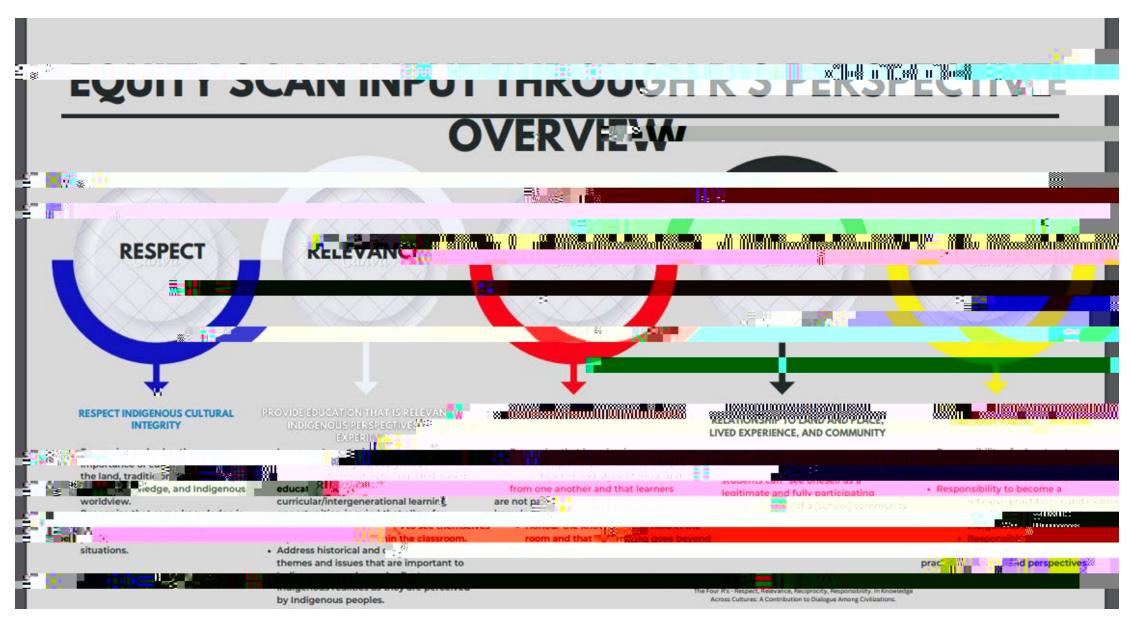


Work at the Schools

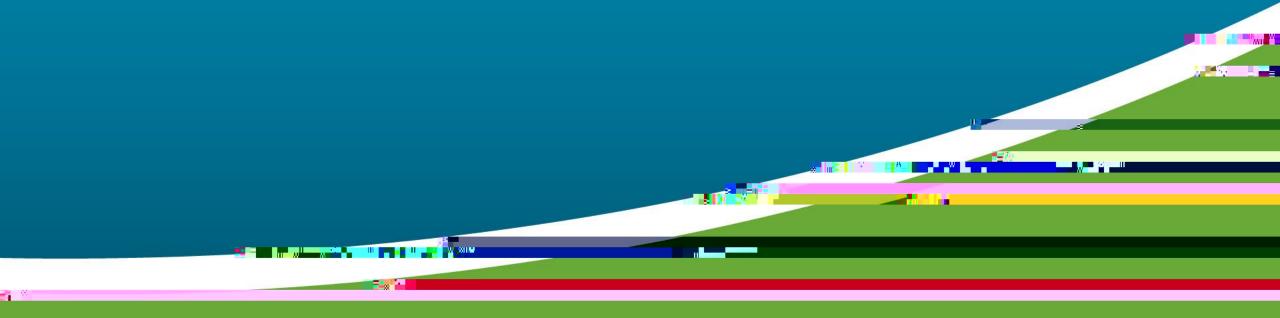
- District- Wide Middle School Presentation about Truth & Reconciliation
- Co- facilitating discussions about Circle Protocol within High School English.
- Co- planning with Kindergarten teachers' lessons in Identity and importance of name.
- Assisting with meeting our 1701 requirements by September 29th



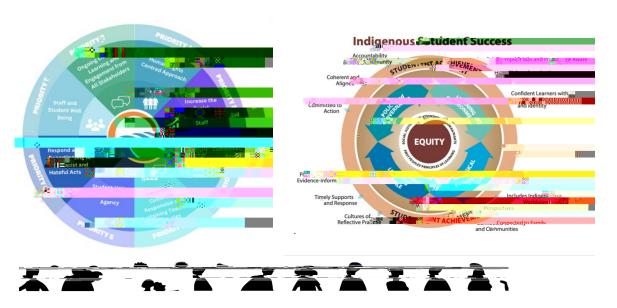


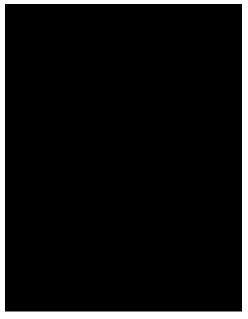


Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Anti- Racism

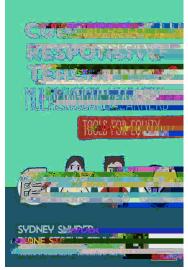


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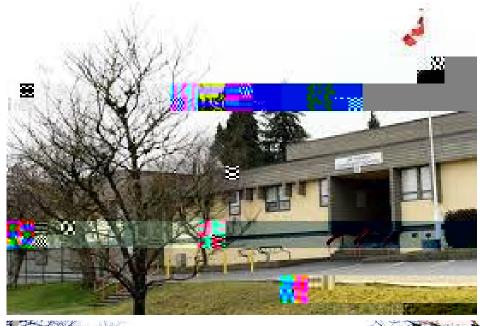


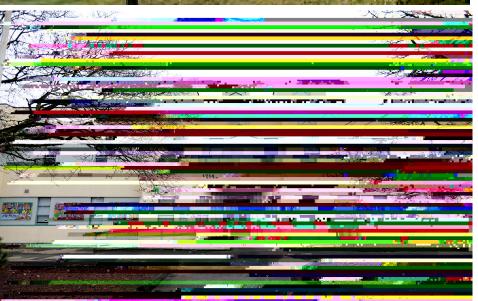


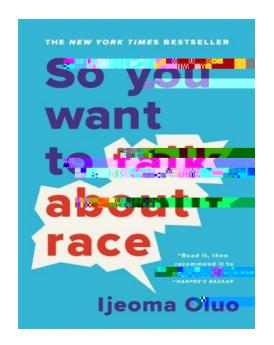




Collaboration

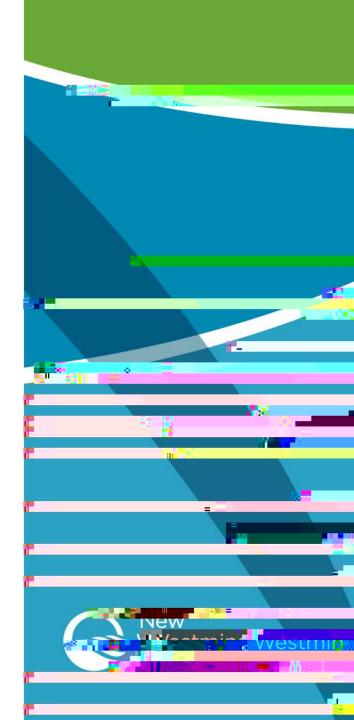


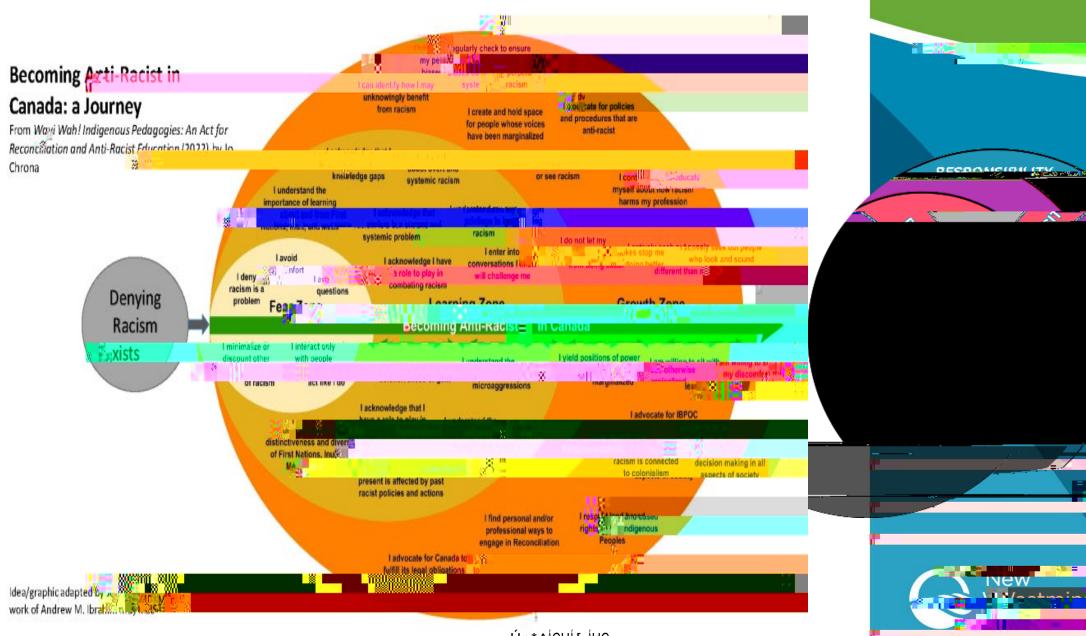






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Programs of Choice Review Recommendations

October 10, 2023

Process and limeline

January June 2023 Nancy Brenan

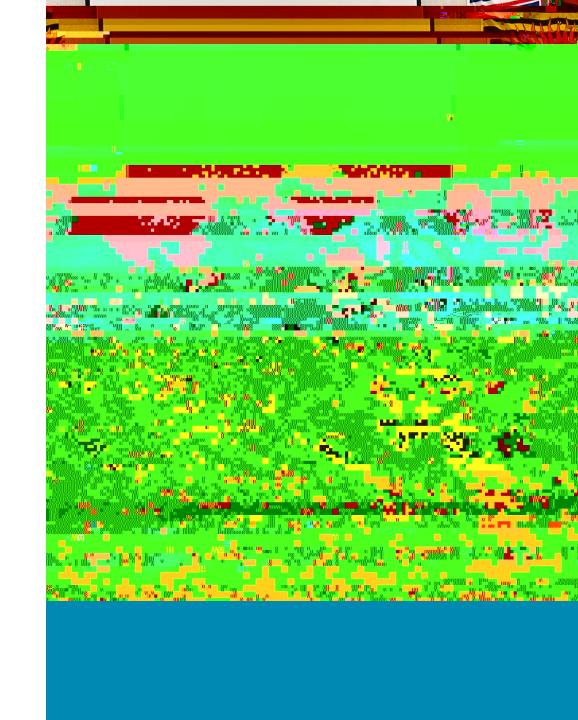
- £ 8 School visits
- £ 12 Stakeholder Interviews
- £ 12 Electronic Surveys
- £ 14 Focus Groups



Program Strengths

- £ Programs are well regarded by the community
- £ Programs meet current community needs
- £ Alignment with curriculum
- £ Dedicated staff

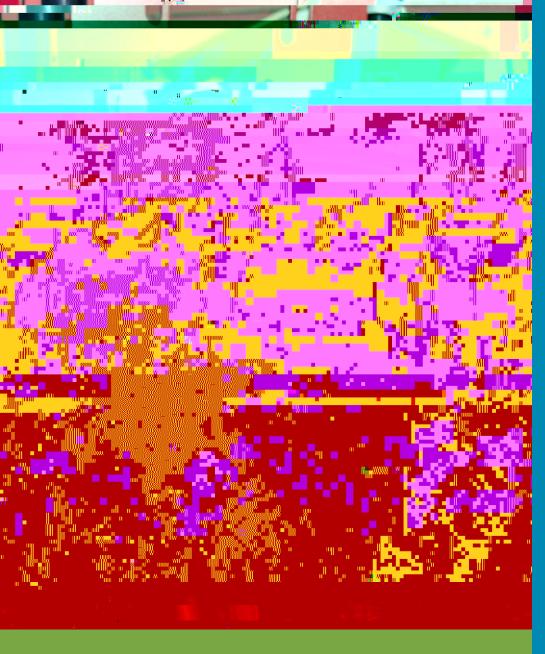
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Program Challenges

- £ Limited number of spaces
- £ Staffing
- £ Gaps in understanding of parent understanding of program
- £ Impact of attrition in intermediate grades
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- £ Inclusive supports
- £ Resources to support curriculum





Westminster Schools

Considerations from Consultant

- £ Program consolidation (FI & Montessori)
 - £ Numerous associated benefits including presence, resources, robust community, reduce perceptions of inequality
- £ District level administrative support
 - £ Resource allocation, communication, training, curricular support
- £ Waitlist adjustment for EFI
- £ Program budget review
- £ Consider POC in Queensborough in the future

Staff Recommendations

£ EFI and Montessori waitlists dissolved on the last day of instruction in December	October 2023
£ The development of more French Immersion & Montessori Program information resources for parents, including video clips, interviews, newsletters, etc.	December 2023
£ More opportunities for teacher collaboration across the district and between the elementary, middle and secondary FI programs.	January 2024
£ Reinstate school visits to all Grade 5 classrooms to fully promote the Late French immersion Program.	January 2024
£ Increase efforts to provide bilingual signage in all common areas of French Immersion	

Staff Recommendations

Areas for further investigation



Program consolidation offering numerous associated benefits:

Strong program presence within school Ability to share resources Larger community within school



District level administrative support allowing for:

Consistency in resource allocation & budget review Improved communication

Training and curricular support



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