

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:30 PM

In-person & Via Zoom Link

PRESENT	Danielle Connelly, Committee Chair Maya Russell, Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee Cheryl Sluis, Trustee Elliott Slinn, Trustee Marc Andres, Trustee	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent Amy Grey, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Dave Crowe, Director of Capital Projects Matt Brito, Director of Facilities & Operations Laura Goodman, Recording Secretary
REGRETS	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary Treasurer Robert Weston, Executive Director, HR	Members of the Public Laura Kwong, DPAC Chair

Committee Chair Connelly recognized and acknowledged 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.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

Moved and Seconded

***THAT the agenda for the
i. Queen Elizabeth Elementary Expansion***

Superintendent Hachlaf stated that the District is pleased to announce that on October 24, 2023, the Ministry of Education and Child Care approved the addition of a third floor to be added to the Queen Elizabeth Elementary School expansion project. This addition will transform the project from a two-storey structure to a three-storey school that will

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- *Supplement for unique students needs:* Estimated to be \$975,000 higher than original estimates which is mainly due to an increase in Level 2 students, and the English Language Learning (ELL) enrolment.
 - *Summer school learning:* In July 2023, the program saw significant levels of growth which resulted in more funding for the 2023-24 operating grant.
 - Further adjustments to the operating grant will result from actual enrolment counts in February and May of 2024.

Next Steps:

- The amended budget will be presented and approved by the Board in February 2024, and will reflect the increased operating grant as confirmed by the Ministry in mid December as well as related staffing and other adjustments to support the enrolment growth and student needs.

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