

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 7:00 PM
In-Person and Via Zoom Link

PRESENT

Danielle Connelly, Trustee
Cheryl Sluis, Trustee
Marc Andres, Trustee

Robert Weston, Executive Director, HR
Dave Crowe, Director of Capital Projects
Amy Grey, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
Laura Goodman, Recording Secretary

REGRETS

Elliott Slinn, Trustee
Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee
order at 7:0

Members of the Public
Laura Kwong, DPAC

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3. PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS

DPAC: Laura Kwong, Chair

- 2024 By-election: In preparation for the February 3, 2024 By-election DPAC Executives are working on their all-candidate debate, which is scheduled for Monday, January 22, 2024 at the NWSS Grand Commons.
- Kwong stated that the 'proposed fund-raising policy amendment' agenda item was shared at the NWSS PAC meeting in November 2023. On behalf of all PACS and parent led fundraising groups, DPAC requests a consultation with the District and reps from these groups so they can understand the potential impacts from this proposed admin procedure amendment.
- Walking School Bus Pilot: DPAC noted that they were surprised to learn that this project was funded from September to December 2023 only by the City of New Westminster, and not the entire school year.
- DPAC has consulted with their MLAs on how to best focus their advocacy related to school builds and school funding so they can be effective with their time and resources.

NWTU: Kristie Oxley, President

- Timetable Changes: NWTU met with Human Resources; Murray McLeod, NWSS Principal; and Pam Craven, Director of Instruction-Secondary Programs to discuss the proposed timetable changes.
- Career Life Education: Oxley stated that Pam Craven's recommendation to move the Career Life Education (CLE) course completely online, and to increase the class size to 45 students per class will substantially impact the teacher's workload at NWSS.
- NWSS & Maximizing Space: Oxley asked the Board what the potential would be to build internal classrooms into the wide hallways which are located on the 2nd and 3rd floors of NWSS, and if the addition of a 4th floor at NWSS been explored.

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ensure that the District employs the new changes that are being brought forward. Explore alternatives for course offerings: review grade 9 elective rotations, offer elective courses in alternate years, and explore courses to transfer online or hybrid delivery model.

Long-term solutions could include program modifications including International education, the continued use of portable structures which could include future permanent modular structures to support school additions. Ketcham noted that portables have an operating budget implication and permanent modulars and/or building renovations require capital requests that must be submitted to the Ministry by June 30th of each year. Ketcham also reiterated the importance for the District to continue to explore long-term viable solutions both in terms of facilities and balancing educational outcomes for students.

c. Public Interest Disclosure (R. Weston)

- i. Public Interest Disclosure Policy No. 25
- ii. Public Interest Disclosure Administrative Procedure No. 404

Executive Director, Human Resources Weston reported on Policy No. 25, and Administrative Procedure No. 404, both of which reside under the Public Interest Disclosure Act (PIDA). The Public Interest Disclosure Act provides protection from an (D)2.6 (i).]Tol -0.0044.t-6 (e)1

9. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees spoke to various meetings and events they attended over the past month.

10. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)

The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the Meeting. Members of the public voiced their concerns to the Board of Education on the following topics: extracurricular ath.6 (ar)o(u)2582 59.fTc 02r -0.004 Tw [(qud]TJ -0.004 dur)-5. ()o(u)2