

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2024, 7:00 PM
In-Person and Via Zoom Link

PRESENT Maya Russell, Chair

Elliott Slinn, Trustee
Cheryl Sluis, Trustee

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

Members of the Public
Laura Kwong, DPAC Chair
Dave Bollen, CUPE 409 President

Secretary-Treasurer, Bettina Ketcham, clarified that the school bus funding for the months January to June 2024 will be a shared cost between the City of New Westminster and the District.

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DPAC: Laura Kwong, Chair

- Trustee By-Election: DPAC thanked NWSS Student Voice volunteers for their support in planning and executing their all candidates debate for the Trustee By-Election.
- Administrative Procedures: Kwong was pleased to report that she had been notified earlier today that engagement with PACs is now planned regarding revisions to AP 520. DPAC requests that the Board of Education direct staff to review the misalignment between the stated intent of these AP changes and their potential actual impacts. They also encourage all PACs to provide feedback to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- IAP2 Spectrum: DPAC requested notification of how many District staff and Trustees have completed or are in the process of completing IAP2 Spectrum training.
- Cell Phone Restriction by September 2024: DPAC requests that consultative engagement with DPAC, PACs, and families occur prior to the District formulating a Policy, restricting the use of cell phones in New Westminster Schools.

CUPE 409 Dave Bollen, President

- Dave reiterated the Board's condolences to Chief Rhonda Larrabee and family members.
- CUPE 409 delegates will participate in this year's CUPE BC Convention in April.
- CUPE 409 has signed and distributed the Collective Agreement from 2022-2025.
- CUPE 409 has passed new bylaws re: adding an Indigenous seat to their executive.

NWTU: Kristie Oxley, President

- Kristie reiterated the importance of the Musical Theatre Program and endorsed the points brought forward by the delegation.
- Cell Phone Restrictions: Kristie spoke to the possible impact on the number of student devices that the District may have to provide as a result of the new cell phone restrictions at New Westminster Schools in the fall.
- NWTU appreciates that the Board has extended the AP 520 consultation, and for their Advocacy plan that will be brought forward and discussed at a later date.
- NWTU reiterated the Board's condolences to Chief Rhonda Larrabee and family.

Discussion ensued and questions were answered by Chair Russell, and Secretary-Treasurer

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Nil.

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, January 16, 2024.

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Andres.

Trustee Andres provided brief highlights of the meeting.

ii. Approval of the January 16, 2024, Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

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b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, January 16, 2024.

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly.

Trustee Connelly provided brief highlights of the meeting.

ii. Approval of the January 16, 2024, Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

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a. Superintendent Update (K. Hachlaf)

School Learning Plans: Superintendent Hachlaf continues to participate in 'school learning plan visits. Themes include: Social Emotional Learning, Growth Mindset, Literacy, Numeracy, and Outdoor Learning. The Superintendent shared some brief examples of goals put forward by Ecole Qayqayt, Fraser River Middle and Queensborough Middle

Safety in Schools:

- Superintendent Hachlaf's update last month highlighted quantitative survey data explicitly around how students feel safe and welcomed at their schools, and how many feel connected to trusted adults. Hachlaf reiterated that overall, their District data is good, and aligns with provincial averages

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Trustee Connelly put forward the following Motion.

THAT the Board of Education (BOE) refer the Board 2024 Advisory Draft Policy Code (PDC) to the Public Hearing Committee (PHC) for review and report back to the Board at the next meeting. (Amended)

Chair Russell concurred, and stated that it would be beneficial to bring forward and present a rough consultation plan and timeline regarding the additional stages.

