



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

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

3:30 pm

Skwo:wech Elementary School
331 Richmond Street, New Westminister

The New Westminister School District recognizes and acknowledges 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.

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1.	<u>Approval of Agenda</u>	3:30 PM	
Recommendation: THAT the agenda for the November 8, 2022 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.			
2.	<u>Presentations</u>	3:35 PM	
a.	(K. Chad)		
3.	<u>Comment and Question Period</u>	3:55 PM	
4.	<u>Student Voice (S. Brine)</u>	4:00 PM	
a.	Student Voice Update		
5.	<u>Reports from Senior Management</u>		
a.	Literacy Update (T. Anderson)	4:15 PM	
b.	Board Authority Authorized Courses (M. McRae-Stanger)	4:30 PM	
	i. 2022-2023 Board Authority Authorized Courses		3
	ii. BAA Slides for Education Policy and Planning		4
6.	<u>General Announcements</u>	4:45 PM	

Supplement to: **EDUCATION POLICY & PLANNING MEETING**

Date: November 8, 2022

Submitted by: Maureen McRae-Stanger: Director of Instruction, Learning and Innovation

Item: **Requiring Action** **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒ **For Information** ☒

Subject: Board Authority Authorized Courses

Board Authority Authorized Courses:

- are courses developed by a teacher or teachers in a specific school district that meets the needs, interests, and passions of students
- are a way to provide flexibility and choice for students and acknowledge specific learning needs
- are a way to promote engagement in learning to support student success
- follow the [Board Authority Authorized \(BAA\) Courses Requirements and Procedures Guidebook](#) (updated 2018)
- are Grade 10-12 elective courses that provide credits toward graduation requirements in the 2018 Graduation Program
- cannot be used toward the Adult Graduation Program
- do not have pre-requisites
- cannot significantly overlap any current Ministry of Education course at the Grades 10, 11 and 12 level

Timelines and Process:

Secondary teachers are provided with the BAA guidelines and procedures every September according to [Administrative Procedure 219](#). Teachers may submit a BAA course for review to the Director of Instruction, Learning and Innovation in October. Courses that meet BAA requirements and support student needs will be submitted to the Board for approval in November. The creation of BAA courses is optional, and the number of BAA course submissions varies from year to year. Enrolment in our 35 currently active BAA courses also varies yearly based on student needs. We are currently enrolling 86 sections of BAA courses this year.

BAA Course Submissions 2022-2023:

There are no BAA course submissions for the 2022-2023 school year.

Board /Authority Authorized Courses (BAA)

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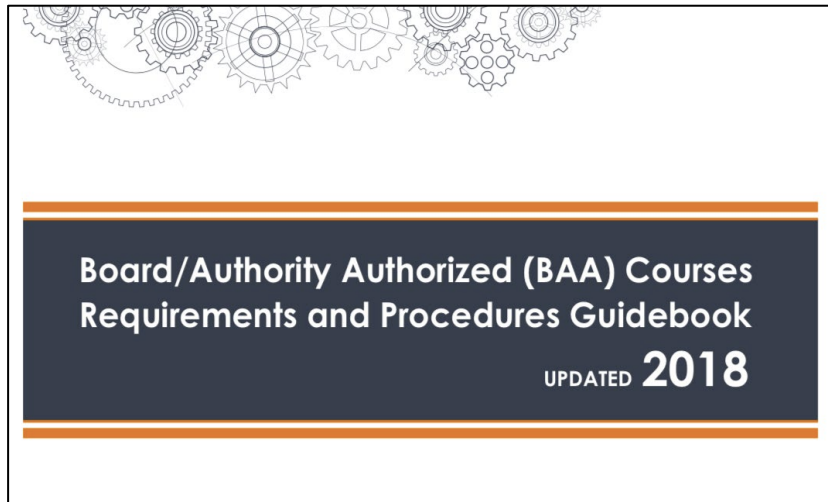
What is a Board/Authority Authorized Course?

- a course developed by teachers in a specific school district
- meets the needs, interests and passions of students
- provides flexibility and choice
- promotes engagement and student success



Board Authority Authorized Course Order:
School Act, sections 168 (2) (b) and (t)

BAA Course Requirements



- courses **are**:
 - guided by specific Ministry of Education procedures
 - elective credits (**grades 10-12**) that count towards graduation in 2018 Graduation Program (28 credits of 80 are must be electives)
- courses **cannot** be used toward the Adult Graduation Program
- courses **do not** have pre-requisites

BAA Course Creation and Approval

- submissions in October
- Board presentation/approval:
November/December
- Ministry documents submitted: December
- new BAA courses included in course
selection process in January for a
September start



ADMIN PROCEDURES MANUAL
Administrative Procedure 219

BOARD AUTHORITY / AUTHORIZED COURSES

Background

The District is committed to serving the diverse educational needs of students and recognizes the importance of the opportunities afforded by Board Authority / Authorized (BAA) Courses to provide unique programs, which are appropriate to the needs of students. Board Authority / Authorized Courses are locally developed Grade 10, 11, and 12 courses that meet the graduation requirements set by the Ministry of Education. To ensure that the quality of educational programs is maintained, all Board Authority / Authorized courses must be approved by Boards of Education.



Are All BAA Courses Offered Every Year?

Currently we have **35** active BAA courses
86 course sections in total

BAA course offerings are determined by:

- teacher interest, qualifications & passion
- student need/passion/request/enrolment
- available resources: space, materials, access to specialty equipment & outside supports
- timetable coordination



Current BAA Offerings

Applications for Learning	Student Leadership	Cultural Identities
Desktop Publishing	Laboratory Technology	Peer Tutoring
Yearbook	English Language Learning	Hockey Academy
Volleyball Skills	Self-Efficacy	Psychology
Basketball	Football	Lacrosse

Most of these courses were developed as
separate Grade 10, 11 and 12 courses

No New BAA Course Submissions for 2023–2024



Questions

