

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 – 7:30 pm

Hume Park Home Learners

Location: 521 Fader Street, New Westminister

AGENDA

The New Westminister School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as all Coast Salish peoples on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

Item	Action	Info	Presenter	Attachment
1. Approval of the Agenda	X		M. Ewen	
2. Presentation				
a. Student Presentation		X	Hume Park Home Learners	
3. Reports from Senior Management				
a. School District Report		X	K. Hachlaf	
4. General Announcements				
• Qayqayt Carnival – April 18 from 5:00-8:00 pm		X	M. Ewen	P. 1
• Volunteer Appreciation Night – April 18 from 7:00-9:00 pm		X	B. Rundell	P. 3
5. New Business				
a. May Day Consultation Process	X		M. Lalji	P. 4

Recommendation: THAT the Education Policy and Planning recommend to the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminister) to direct staff to prepare a response to the questions in the attached correspondence, in preparation for the commencement of the next May Day consultation process. AND THAT information be assembled and distributed to all Trustees prior to the April 17, 2018 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting, including a status report on the May Day consultation process.

6. Adjournment

Caroline Manders

Subject: FW: Qayqayt Carnival

From: Victoria Cuipka
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:55 AM
To: Caroline Manders <cmanders@sd40.bc.ca>
Cc: Serena Trachta <sgt@fullcirclearchitecture.com>
Subject: FW: Qayqayt Carnival

Hi, Serena

I have forwarded your request to Executive Assistant to the Board of Education, Caroline Manders, for her attention.

Thank you.

From: Serena Trachta <sgt@fullcirclearchitecture.com>
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 6:32 PM
To: Victoria Cuipka <vcuipka@sd40.bc.ca>
Cc: Serena Trachta <sgt@fullcirclearchitecture.com>
Subject: Qayqayt Carnival

Hi Victoria,

Please extend an invitation to the 2nd Annual Qayqayt Carnival from 5pm - 8pm on 18 April 2018 to the Board Office and the Trustees.

Thank you,

Serena
Serena Trachta
Qayqayt PAC co-chair
sgt@fullcirclearchitecture.com
415.717.7790
604.522.8026



Qayqayt Elementary School

2nd Annual Spring



Carnival



Enjoy Games, Face Painting, Cake Walk, Raffle Prizes, Food & More!

Proceeds support our school and our children's extra curricular activities.

Wednesday

April

5-8pm

18

85 Merivale

Street

New Westminster

For more info, visit

www.qqpac.ca



March 15, 2018

Dear Parent/Community Volunteer,

On behalf of the Board of Education, students, and staff of the New Westminister School District, I want to thank you for volunteering so generously during the past school year. I know your time is valuable, and your willingness to share it with our schools shows your commitment to the well-being of our students. Your contributions have made a huge difference in our students' connection to school and community this year.

Our District is proud that our students enjoy a warm, caring community that fosters the highest standards of academic, social, and emotional growth. The efforts of volunteers like you are a vital part of that community.

I would like to invite you to attend our first New Westminister Schools Volunteer Recognition Evening on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at Fraser River Middle School, 800 Queens Avenue. This coffee and dessert event will take place from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the school gymnasium.

Please RSVP to Victoria Cuipka at vcuipka@sd40.bc.ca by April 11, 2018.

Thank you again, and I am excited to continue working with you. I look forward to meeting you on April 18.

Yours truly,



Mark Gifford
Chair, Board of Education



Supplement to: EDUCATION POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: April 10, 2018

Submitted by: Trustee Mary Lalji

Item: Requiring Action Yes No For Information

Subject: MAY DAY CONSULTATION PROCESS

Background:

The New Westminister Board of Education has committed to pursue a public consultation with the City of New Westminister and the public about the future of May Day. The Board has received the attached correspondence about May Day from a community focus group requesting information about the District’s roles and responsibilities along with a break-down of the costs associated with the event. The District’s May Day Task Force assigned a \$50,000 cost to the one-day event in the context of the survey, which was issued to staff.

Preamble:

It is important that the new May Day process commence with full and transparent information in order to achieve continuation of the event and possible cost-savings to the School District.

Recommendation:

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From: LISA GRAHAM

Sent: Tuesday, February 06, 2018 7:42 PM

To: Mark Gifford; Kelly Slade-Kerr; Jonina Campbell; Casey Cook; Michael Ewen; James Janzen; Victoria Cuipka; Barb Basden

Cc: Rock Suffron; Nikki Binns

Subject: May Day Correspondence

After the last school district episode regarding May Day, I was approached to join an effort to assist/enhance/preserve our Royal City tradition; the following communication -- copy of a press release, and below that, a 'cover' letter -- is being sent to you for the purpose of introducing our new group, to open dialogue, and to inform you of our mandate. So, on behalf of the newly formed Citizens' May Day Focus Group, we thank you for receiving this correspondence and look forward to your individual and/or collective responses.

Lisa Graham

COVER LETTER TO THE CITY, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND THE HYACK ASSOCIATION, et al:

Fortunately, as has been announced for this year, 2018, May Day in New Westminster is a "go"; this means that the main issue in need of our collective attention is the future of May Day beyond 2018. By initiating a new process with a new focus committee to explore and determine what subsequent May Days will look like in terms of who will be doing what, etc., hopefully we will be able to accomplish good things for May Day 2019 and onward. Indeed, May Day is bigger than the 'here-and-now', and we have an obligation to tomorrow's citizenry to resolve existing challenges and ensure its continuance. Through the years, May Day has been re-structured and re-defined many times over, mostly because generations of New Westminster citizens consider May Day to be synonymous with our home-town identity and heritage. Logistically, the event is no small undertaking and the issues that have arisen over the last number of years are significant. That being said, to "fix it" will require a time-line commensurate with the measure of the challenges before us but most importantly, it will require our collective good will.

Toward resolving outstanding issues, addressing existing concerns, and determining ways to enhance and improve the annual celebration of May Day in New Westminster, the new citizens' focus group will first need to do a comprehensive assessment of the celebration. **To do a comprehensive assessment of the celebration will require gathering information from the City, the School District, and the Hyack Festival Association and so, via this correspondence, we are respectfully and formally requesting from each, a 'thumb-nail' analysis of their respective tasks, responsibilities, and time-lines for the event (ideally with the associated cost-estimates included).** This is absolutely essential to achieving positive headway because without that information and the cooperation of all three major contributors, it would be impossible to find solutions to the existing concerns of all invested parties.

As of right now, the focus group is comprised of an Executive (Rocky Suffron, Nikki Binns, and Lisa Graham) and to date, we are extremely encouraged by the volume and calibre of NW folk who have expressed interest in this new entity. In terms of composition, the initial vision for the new group is to have designated liaison and advisory positions from the City, the School District, and the Hyack Association. As well, we will constitute a body of community members to support our efforts and perhaps even extend that to include a secondary body of general associates (folk who love and care about May Day but no longer reside in the Royal City). Further, to enhance the event and alleviate the "work-load" of the three main contributors, we will reach out to existing grass-roots organizations within the City to determine if there are any smaller-scale initiatives that we can partner on together.

Members of the executive have already had informal conversations with the City, the School District, and the Hyack Association as well as various members of the community and thus far, the feedback is positive. For example, one of the items we would like to recommend as a committee is to see the NWSS BC Football Championship team attend the May Day ceremony with the provincial Trophy in tow as yet another tangible example of why there is incredible reason for New Westminister to celebrate New Westminister! Realistically, while we recognize that is but one short-term recommendation that we feel can happen with a minimum of effort or cost and can really add to the day, we also fully recognize that work on the long-term infrastructure 'fixes' can only commence once the City, the School District, and the Hyack Festival Association, provides the much-needed logistical information. So, let's roll up our sleeves and get to work!!

We thank you in advance for your commitment to this process and look forward to working with all of our community-minded partners.

Executive members of the Citizen's Community Focus Group,

Rocky Suffron
Nikki Binns
Lisa Graham

The Citizens' May Day Focus Group
Press Release

As a celebration of community -- of neighborhood schools and school children coming together with resident neighbors, city dignitaries, and local organizations – May Day in New Westminister has evolved beyond ‘tradition’ to become a ‘legacy event’.

Truly, May Day is an incredible opportunity to celebrate our past accomplishments and peoples, our commitment and belief in ‘today’, as well as our continued growth and a promising future.

With regard to enhancing this wonderful tradition and securing its future continuance, a new grass-roots citizen's group is being created with the historic, citywide May Day event being its singular focus.

Currently, there are three independent entities facilitating the annual May Day activities -- the City, the School District, and the Hyack Festival Association. This new group, the Citizen's Community Focus Group, will also function as an independent entity.

Comprised of a diverse collective of NW residents committed to the enhancement and sustainability of the annual event, indeed, the group recognizes its potential but also its limitations and so will pursue a collaborative and realistic approach to address existing challenges.

Ideally, the community group will function to help bridge existing impasses between the current May Day facilitators, and fill any gaps that prove problematic by working constructively with all invested partners.

Initial response to the formation of this new committee has been overwhelmingly positive and we are confident that we can partner with the existing May Day facilitators to revive the fun and excitement of May Day for all city residents, but especially for the children of New Westminister.

If you feel that you would be interested in joining us, please contact Rocky Suffron (rocksuffron@gmail.com). Once responses are received, we will be able to schedule a meeting to determine our next-steps together. So come on, join us -- let's make an impact on our city... for our city.