



MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATIONS POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 AT 7:40 PM
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, 800 ONTARIO STREET

PRESENT: Ms. Jonina Campbell, Trustee
Mr. C. Cook, Trustee
Mr. M. Ewen, Trustee
Mr. M. Gifford, Board Vice Chair
Mr. J. Janzen, Committee Chair
Ms. M. Lalji, Trustee
Ms. K. Slade-Kerr, Board Chair

Mr. P. Duncan, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. K. Lorenz, Secretary Treasurer
Mr. Chris Nicholson, Director of Instruction
Ms. B. Basden, Recording Secretary

Chair Janzen recognized and acknowledged 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.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the agenda for the June 13, 2017 Open Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously.

2. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a) Monthly Financial Update at April, 2017

Secretary Treasurer Lorenz presented the Operating Fund – Year to Date Expense to Budget Summary for the month ending April 30, 2017.

b) Maintenance & Capital Projects Update

The Committee received the monthly update on Maintenance and Capital Projects

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) Queensborough Busing

Trustee Lalji provided a written backgrounder related to the Queensborough busing survey.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend that the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminister) direct Senior Administration to revisit the survey related to transportation of students from Queensborough to NWSS; and that the survey be:

- 1. provided in multiple languages;*
- 2. made available at different district locations, eg., schools and board office;*
- 3. made accessible online;*
- 4. tracked and followed up with parents who have not submitted a survey;*
- 5. based on overall interest in bus service, not based on a user-pay bus.*

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the motion related to a Queensborough busing survey be amended by eliminating #4 and by ending #5 after “overall interest in bus service”.

Carried Unanimously.

Main Motion as Amended:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend that the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct Senior Administration to revisit the survey related to transportation of students from Queensborough to NWSS; and that the survey be:

- 1. provided in multiple languages;***
- 2. made available at different district locations, eg., schools and board office***
- 3. made accessible online;***
- 4. based on overall interest in bus service.***

Carried Unanimously.

b) Gender & Sexual Diversity Inclusion Committee Report

Chris Nicholson, Director of Instruction-Learning Services, provided two written reports and recommendation on behalf of the Gender & Sexual Diversity Inclusion Committee.

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) that they approve the current Gender & Sexual Diversity Committee of the Board have its name changed to the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Committee in keeping with current common terminology province-wide.

Carried Unanimously.

c) Gender & Sexual Diversity Inclusion Policy

Moved and seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) that the Gender and Sexual Diversity Inclusion Policy be renamed the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Policy in keeping with current terminology province-wide.

Carried Unanimously.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approval of revised Policy No. 17 “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)” as presented.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the motion to approve revised Policy No. 17 “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) as presented, be amended to approve the revised policy as amended under 9.1 by deleting the reference to change rooms.

Carried Unanimously.

Main motion as Amended:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approval of revised Policy No. 17 “Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI)” as amended under 9.1 by deleting the reference change rooms.

Carried Unanimously.

d) Food Security and Healthy Eating

Trustee Campbell provided a written backgrounder titled, “No Child Goes Hungry and Every Child Eats Healthy”.

Moved and Seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend the Board of Education for School District 40 (New Westminster) direct staff to develop a district-wide plan to address food security and healthy eating, that will make available food programs to all of our schools by January 2018 so that no student is hungry and every child eats healthy; and

THAT The Board of Education, School District 40, direct staff to ensure that there are temporary school specific plans to address food security at each school and to provide necessary funding and resources to make sure no child goes hungry, by September 2017; and

THAT The Board of Education, School District 40, direct staff to review the Community LINK funding using the criteria identified above by the Ministry of Education to ensure that we are doing everything we can to best support vulnerable students, with specific attention to food insecurity and healthy eating and report back their findings and recommendations to the Board of Education by September 2017.

As requested by Trustee Slake-Kerr the motion was divided into three separate motions.

Food Security and Healthy Eating Motion – 2nd Section

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) that the Board direct staff to develop a district-wide plan to address food security and healthy eating, that will make available food programs to all of our schools by January 2018 so that no student is hungry and every child eats healthy.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the motion be amended by deleting “and to provide necessary funding and resources to make sure no child goes hungry by September 2017”.

Motion Defeated.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the motion be amended to read that the Superintendent be directed to have temporary school specific plans to address food security at each school and if needed provide necessary funding and resources to ensure healthy food is available to students who are going hungry by September 2017.

Carried Unanimously.

Main Motion as Amended:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) that the Board direct the Superintendent to have temporary school specific plans to address food security at each school and if needed provide necessary funding and resources to ensure healthy food is available to students who are going hungry by September 2017.

Carried Unanimously.

Food Security and Healthy Eating Motion – 1st Section

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) that the Board direct staff to develop a district-wide plan to address food security and healthy eating, that will make available food programs to all of our schools by January 2018 so that no student is hungry and every child eats healthy.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the motion be amended to change “staff be directed to develop a district-wide plan” to “staff be directed to provide a report on the steps to be taken and costs associated with developing a district-wide plan”.

Carried Unanimously.

Main Motion as Amended:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) that the Board direct staff to provide a report on the steps to be taken and costs associated with a district-wide plan to address food security and healthy eating, that will make available food programs to all of our schools by January 2018 so that no student is hungry and every child eats healthy.

Carried Unanimously.

Food Security and Healthy Eating Motion – 3rd Section

The third section of the motion was not moved or seconded.

4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.