



MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
EDUCATION POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017 AT 7:30 P.M.  
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, 811 ONTARIO STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER

**PRESENT:** Mr. M. Gifford, Committee Chair                      Mr. P. Duncan, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. C. Cook, Trustee    Mr. K. Lorenz, Secretary Treasurer  
Mr. M. Ewen, Trustee    Ms. J. Grant, Associate Superintendent  
Mr. J. Janzen, Trustee    Ms. B. Scott, District Administrator, Programs and Planning  
Ms. M. Lalji, Trustee    Ms. P. Samra, Recording Secretary  
Ms. K. Slade-Kerr, Board Chair

Regrets: Ms. J. Campbell, Trustee

1.        **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Moved and Seconded:

*THAT the agenda for the February 7, 2017 Open Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as presented.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

2.        **PRESENTATION**

*Queensborough Middle School – Mindfulness and Mindset*

This presentation was cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

3.        **OLD BUSINESS**

Sanctuary Schools

Moved and Seconded:

*THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education for School District No. 40 that they approve the New Westminister Safe & Welcoming Schools for All Policy.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

Moved and Seconded:

*THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee of the New Westminister Board of Education recommends the Board of Education for School District No. 40 to change the policy name from “New Westminister Safe & Welcoming Schools for All” to “New Westminister Sanctuary Schools Policy.”*

*Carried Unanimously.*

Moved and Seconded:

*THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee of the New Westminster Board of Education recommends the Board of Education for School District No. 40 to change the language from the introduction and objective from “regardless of immigration status” to “including those with precarious immigration status.”*

*Carried Unanimously.*

Moved and Seconded:

*THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee of the New Westminster Board of Education recommends the Board of Education for School District No. 40 to change the language from the introduction and objective from “including those with precarious immigration status” to “including those with precarious immigration status or no immigration status.”*

*Carried Unanimously.*

Moved and Seconded:

*THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee of the New Westminster Board of Education Committee recommends the Board of Education for School District No. 40 to change 2.1 from “All school age children who are residents of the school district” to “All school age children who are ordinarily residents in the school district.”*

*Carried Unanimously.*

Moved and Seconded:

*THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee of the New Westminster Board of Education recommends the Board of Education for School District No. 40 adopts the New Westminster Sanctuary Schools Policy as amended.*

*Carried Unanimously.*

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.