



MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPERATIONS POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 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. K. Lorenz, Secretary Treasurer
Ms. J. Grant, Associate Superintendent
Ms. B. Basden, Recording Secretary
- REGRETS:** Mr. P. Duncan, Superintendent

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 February 14, 2017 Open Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting be as adopted as amended by adding 5a) Consultation on Sanctuary Schools Policy.

Carried Unanimously.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

3. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a) Monthly Financial Update at December 31, 2016

Secretary Treasurer Lorenz presented the Operating Fund – Year to Date Expense to Budget Summary for the month ending December 31, 2016.

b) Maintenance & Capital Projects Update

The Committee received the monthly update on Maintenance and Capital Projects.

c) Draft Policy Manual

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) that the Draft Board Policy Handbook be adopted.

d) Proposed Policy Amendments

POLICY 2: ROLE OF THE BOARD

i) Preamble:

The motion to amend Policy 2 “Role of the Board” preamble, was not seconded.

ii) Accountability to and Engagement of Community

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 2 “Role of the Board” under “Specific Areas of Responsibility 2) Accountability to and Engagement of Community, Clause 2.3.

MOTION FAILED.

iii) Policy

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 2 “Role of the Board” under 4) Policy, Clause 4.2.

MOTION FAILED.

iv) Board/Superintendent Relations

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 2 “Role of the Board” under 5) Board/Superintendent Relations, Clause 5.2.

MOTION FAILED.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 2 “Role of the Board” under 5) Board/Superintendent Relations, Clause 5.4.

MOTION FAILED.

v) Political Advocacy

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 2 “Role of the Board” under 6) Political Advocacy, Clause 6.2 to read: Advance District positions and priorities either directly or through relevant provincial organizations and associations.

MOTION CARRIED.

vi) Fiscal Advocacy

The motion to amend draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 2 “Role of the Board” under 8) Fiscal Accountability, Clause 8.13 was withdrawn.

vii) Selected Responsibilities

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 2 “Role of the Board” under Selected Responsibilities, Clause 9.
MOTION FAILED.

POLICY 3: ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE

i) Preamble:

The motion to amend Policy 3 “Role of the Trustee” preamble, was withdrawn.

ii) Orientation

The motion to amend Policy 3 “Role of the Trustee” under Orientation, Clause 2 was withdrawn.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 3 “Role of the Trustee” under Orientation, Clause 3.
MOTION FAILED.

POLICY 5: ROLE OF THE BOARD CHAIR

i) The motion to amend Policy 5 “Role of the Board Chair” under 1) was withdrawn.

ii) The motion to amend Policy 5 “Role of the Board Chair” under 3) was withdrawn.

iii) The motion to amend Policy 5 “Role of the Board Chair” under 4) was withdrawn.

iv) Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 5 “Role of the Board Chair” under 8) to read: “Be in regular contact with all Trustees and the Superintendent to maintain a working knowledge of current issues and events”.

MOTION CARRIED.

POLICY 6: ROLE OF THE VICE-CHAIR

There was no action on the proposed amendments to Policy 6 “Role of the Vice-Chair”

POLICY 7: BOARD OPERATIONS

- i) The motion to amend Policy 7 “Board Operations” preamble was withdrawn.
- ii) By consensus of the Board proposed amendments to Policy 7 “Board Operations”, Sections 6 and 7 were deferred.
- iii) Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 7 “Board Operations” under 9) Public Participation, by deleting everything in the preamble after, “....as noted else in this policy”.

MOTION CARRIED.
- iv) Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee amend the draft Board Policy Handbook Policy 7 “Board Operations” under 9) Public Participation, Clause 9.4 to read: “The Board shall formally respond by motion to a presentation or delegation only with unanimous consent of the Board”.

MOTION CARRIED.
- v) The motion to amend Policy 7 “Role of the Board Operations” under 10) “Trustee Remuneration and Expenses”, 10.1) Annual Remuneration, Clause 10.1.3 was withdrawn.
- vi) It was consensually agreed that the motion to amend Policy 7 “Role of the Board Operations”, under 10) “Trustee Remuneration and Expenses”, 10.1) Annual Remuneration, Clause 10.1.3 required further discussion.

Time did not allow for discussion on proposed amendments to Policies 8 through 19 and they will be discussed at a future meeting.

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee table the recommendation that the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt the Board Policy Handbook.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no general announcements.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a) New Westminster Sanctuary Schools Policy Consultation

It was consensually agreed that the draft New Westminster Sanctuary School Policy would be distributed for consultation and input prior to the February 28, 2017 School Board meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.