



MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING OF THE
NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**
HELD **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017** AT 7:30 P.M.
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, 811 ONTARIO STREET

PRESENT: Ms. J. Campbell, Trustee Mr. P. Duncan, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. C. Cook, Trustee Mr. K. Lorenz, Secretary Treasurer
Mr. M. Ewen, Trustee Mr. C. Nicholson, Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Mr. M. Gifford, Vice Chair Ms. P. Samra, Recording Secretary
Mr. J. Janzen, Trustee
Ms. M. Lalji, Trustee
Ms. K. Slade-Kerr, Chair

Chair Slade-Kerr recognized and acknowledged the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as the 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:

2017-140

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) adopt the agenda for the November 28, 2017 Regular School Board.

Carried Unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a) Board Meeting Minutes for Approval

Moved and Seconded:

2017-141

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) approve the minutes from the October 24, 2017 School Board meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

b) Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. COMMENT AND QUESTION PERIOD

Visitors were welcomed and provided the opportunity to address the Board

4. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The Board received correspondence from the City of New Westminister and from the Office of the Ombudsperson.

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) *Education Policy & Planning Committee*

- i. Education Committee Chair Michael Ewen provided an update from the Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting held on November 7, 2017.
- ii. Approval of the November 7, 2017 Education Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

Moved and Seconded:

2017-142

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the November 7, 2017 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting as amended.

Carried Unanimously.

- iii. Public Consultation Process on May Day Task Force Recommendation

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education that the school board invite the city to partner in a public consultation to determine the future observation of May Day and the recommendation from the School Board May Day Task Force be forwarded to this process.

Amended to:

THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education that the school board invite the city to partner in a public consultation to determine the future observation of May Day and the recommendation from the School Board May Day Task Force be forwarded to this process.

AND to request the City to take a lead role in the logistical organization in Queens Park to reduce the operational challenges faced by the School District.
Motion Failed.

Moved and Seconded:

2017-143

THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education that the school board invite the city to partner in a public consultation to determine the future observation of May Day and the recommendation from the School Board May Day Task Force be forwarded to this process.

AND THAT the School District retain the current format for May Day in 2018 while we work with the City Council and the Community to more fully explore issues and options for the continuation of May Day.

Carried.

b) Operations Policy & Planning Committee

- i. Vice Chair, Mark Gifford, provided an update from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting held November 14, 2017.
- ii. Approval of the November 14, 2017 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes.

Moved and Seconded: **2017-144**

THAT the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting held November 14, 2017.

Carried Unanimously.

- iii. Student Trustee

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) refer this matter to staff for formal comments.

Amended to:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) refer this matter to staff for formal comments by January 16 at the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Amended to:

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education for School District No. 40 (New Westminster) refer this matter to staff for formal comments by February 13 at the Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

Carried Unanimously.

6. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a) Capital Purchases

Secretary Treasurer Kevin Lorenz presented the Capital Purchases report.

b) Bussing Survey

Secretary Treasurer Kevin Lorenz updated the Board on the results of the Queensborough Bussing Survey.

c) Value Statements

Moved to Combined Education and Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday December 5, 2017.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. *Board Office*

Moved and Seconded:

THAT the New Westminster Board of Education direct the Superintendent to postpone purchasing and deployment of the portable for the Board Office until here is a comprehensive plan in place, approved by the Board, for the placement of non-enrolling district staff.

Motion Failed.

6. TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees spoke to the various meetings and events they attended over the past month.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Members of the public were provided the opportunity to ask questions of the Board.

8. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Dec 5, 2017: Combined Education and Operations Policy & Planning Committee, 7:30 pm –
School Board Office

Dec 12, 2017: School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm – School Board Office

11. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA MEETING

No report.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting be adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Chairperson

Secretary Treasurer