



### **3. PRESENTATIONS**

a. Pink Shirt Day Presentation

Teachers Kai Smith and Carmen Woo provided an overview of the types of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) activities and projects taken place within the District.

Two students from École Glenbrook Middle School, spoke about the school's Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Club and the positive effect it has had within the community and the school, as well as the connection of the GSA to the New Westminster Secondary School LGBTQ club to share experiences across schools.

b. NWSS Music Auxiliary Parent Group - Music Program at New Westminster Secondary School

Wendy Cooper of the NWSS Music Auxiliary Parent Group, introduced a performance by the students' Noxious Obs Society. Lyrics accompanying the music asked the Board of Education to support musical programs within the District. The audience also addressed the Board and impressed upon it the importance of the arts in schools and the request to support financially.

c. United Way of the Lower Mainland - Period Promise

Neal Adolph of the Lower Mainland United Way presented the Period Promise.

New Westminster Schools Menstrual Initiative will help vulnerable people and remove barriers for students to attend school.

Dr. Selina Tribe addressed the Board and thanked the Trustees for being progressive and being an ally in this initiative.

Janet Andrews, New Westminster District Labour Council, reiterated the importance of this initiative.

### **4. COMMENT & QUESTION PERIOD FROM VISITORS**

Members of the audience confirmed the importance of the arts in schools and the ability to provide the music program to as many students as possible.

### **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was received.

### **6. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a. Education Policy & Planning Committee, February 5, 2019

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Dhaliwal

Trustee Dhaliwal acknowledged the information shared by the audience regarding the importance of the music program.

ii. Approval of the February 5, 2019 Education Policy & Planning Committee Minutes

**2019-026**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the February 5, 2019 Education Policy & Planning Committee meeting.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

iii. District Gifted Education Program

**2019-027**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct staff to include markers of gifted / highly-able or twice-exceptional learners as part of the on-going Special Education Review.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2019-028**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct staff to identify learning enrichment options for gifted / highly-able or twice-exceptional learners.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Operations Policy & Planning Committee, February 12, 2019

i. Comments from the Committee Chair, Trustee Connelly

Nil.

ii. Approval of the February 12, 2019 Operations Policy and Planning Committee Minutes

**2019-029**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve the minutes from the February 12, 2019 Operations Policy & Planning Committee meeting.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

iii. 2018-2019 Amended Budget

**2019-030**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) adopt three readings of the Amended Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2019-031**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve first and second reading of the Amended Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2019-032**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) approve third reading, reconsideration and final adoption of the Amended Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2018/2019.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

iv. Development of Child Care Spaces

Chair Gifford thanked Secretary-Treasurer Morris and Superintendent Hachlaf for their work to advance this initiative.

**2019-033 Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct staff to pursue the addition of child care spaces by applying for Ministry of Children and Families new spaces funding as presented on February 12, 2019, and by pursuing partnership with the City of New Westminster for McBride Elementary School, as presented,***

***AND FURTHER***

***The addition of child care spaces as presented, be at no cost to the Board;***

***AND FURTHER***

***Staff be directed to develop a plan for Board approval, to expand school-age child care within existing schools' space.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

v. Trustee Remuneration

**2019-034**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster), in recognition of the January 1, 2019 taxation change to the treatment of Trustee stipends, Trustee stipends be increased by eleven (11) percent;***

***AND FURTHER, that the increase be a one-time adjustment;***

***AND FURTHER, that the increase be effective January 1, 2019.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

vi. Live Streaming Public Board Meetings

**2019-035**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) direct staff to implement the live streaming solution as presented;***

***AND FURTHER, that a review of the project be undertaken 4 months after implementation.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

vii. New Westminster School Menstrual Initiative

**2019-036**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) recommend that the District offer free menstrual products district wide and that Staff be directed to implement as presented, by September 2019, and communicate with school Principals to ensure a successful implementation.***

***AND that the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) endorse the Period Promise Pledge.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- viii. Advocacy to BCSTA - Free-Vending & Ongoing Supply of Hygiene Products in BC Girls' & Universal Bathrooms

**2019-037**

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) submit a substantive motion to the 2019 British Columbia School Trustees Association AGM, asking BCSTA to request that the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Finance provide funding to all districts to purchase, install and supply free tampon and pad dispensers in girls' and universal bathrooms in every school in the Province.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Meeting recessed at 8:45pm: The Board of Education signed the United Way Period Promise Pledge.*

*Meeting reconvened at 9:00pm*

## **7. REPORTS SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

### **a. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Hachlaf provided highlights of his school visits and events he attended in February.

#### **i. City of New Westminster Advisory Committees Update**

A list identifying members of District staff assigned to the various civic committees in New Westminster was received.

#### **ii. The Early Action Initiatives Grant-Leading Mentally Healthy Schools in BC**

Superintendent Hachlaf announced that New Westminster Schools has been awarded an Early Action Initiatives Grant (EAI) for \$33,000 to support mental health and well-being promotion in the school community. Funding will be used to design action plans to develop an evidence-based, inclusive approach for promotion of mental health and wellness.

By consensus, mental health initiatives are to be included in the strategic plan update.

### **b. School Drug & Alcohol Counselor Update**

Superintendent Hachlaf provided answers to the questions posed at the January 29, 2019 Regular Open Board meeting as follows:

Student clients have been contacted by the new Fraser Health provider. There will be one point-of-contact.

Outreach services will provide the same service and will be available to meet wherever needed: school, home, coffee shop, etc.

Superintendent Hachlaf indicated that monitoring of transition of services will rely on staff, as the people working closest to student receiving the services, to report on the transition.

**8. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The Trustees provided highlights of events they attended in February.

**9. QUESTION PERIOD (15 Minutes)**

The public was given the opportunity to ask questions on matters that arose during the meeting.

**10. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

March 5, 2019: Combined Education and Operations Policy & Planning Committee,  
7:30pm – Herbert Spencer Elementary School

March 12, 2019: School Board Meeting, 7:30pm – School Board Office

**11. REPORTING OUT FROM IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETING**

Nil.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:55pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer