

**MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 5:00 PM
Via Webex Livestream**

PRESENT	Anita Ansari, Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Trustee	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Vice Chair	Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
	Mark Gifford, Trustee	Guests:
	Mary Lalji, Trustee	Members of the Public
	Maya Russell, Trustee (5:07pm)	Stacy Brine, Social Studies Teacher, NWSS
	Student Trustees	Kathleen Chad, Principal, Richard McBride Elementary
	Jeryca Hechanova	Rav Johal
	Sam Killawee	Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager
	Anastasija Petrovic	Karen Klein, Director of International Education
		Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record
		Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovations
		Sarah Phelan, Principal, F.W. Howay Elementary
		Sarah Wethered, NWTU

REGRETS Robert Weston, Executive Director of Human Resources

Chair Beattie 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. Approval of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the November 17, 2020 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Comment and Question Period

Nil.

3. Student Voice

a. Child and Youth Liaison Officers in Schools Update

Student Trustees shared their next steps and reviewed various details pertaining to Child and Youth Liaison Officers in schools. A survey will be created and an update of the results will be brought to the January 12, 2021 Education Committee meeting. Student Voice's Instagram account is @studentvoice_

Trustee Russell joined the meeting at 5:07pm.

4. **Reports from Senior Management**

a. International Program Update

Director of International Education Klein provided an update on the International Education Program. As of September, 95 international students are currently enrolled (82 high school; and 13 K-8), which is more than the 88 students originally anticipated. There are about 40 new students waiting to enroll in the program in January 2021. Pending the COVID-19 situation, it is anticipated that the enrollment numbers for the International Program will continue to fluctuate.

b. Board Authority / Authorized (BAA) Courses

Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovations McRae-Stanger indicated that no 20210-22 BAA courses were submitted for approval.

c. Anti-Racism Initiative

Superintendent Hachlaf highlighted the following:

- In June, the Board passed a motion to begin work regarding the anti-racism initiative.
- Superintendent Hachlaf has met with [LevelUp Planning & Consulting](#) who are also working with the City of New Westminster and the New Westminster Police Department. This provides a unique opportunity to align the District with work that is being done within the New Westminster community.
- LevelUp Planning & Consulting has significant experience and success with community engagement and policy analysis. The consultants will be providing a more robust update as to what this work will look like. Two of their team members worked in public education (one as a teacher, the other as a counsellor), this will be helpful to provide a concrete base of knowledge for the District.
- Superintendent Hachlaf introduced the new District Principal of Indigenous Education and Equity, Rav Johal who will join the District after the winter break in January 2021. Rav is looking forward to beginning this important work.
- Formal invitations will be extended to strike a committee. Further details will be forthcoming at the December 15 Regular Open Board meeting.

5. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.