

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

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 5:00 PM
Via Webex Livestream**

- PRESENT**
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| <p>Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair
Dee Beattie, Vice Chair
Anita Ansari, Trustee
Danielle Connelly, Trustee
Mark Gifford, Trustee
Mary Lalji, Trustee
Maya Russell, Trustee
Student Trustees
Katharine Galloway
Jeryca Hechanova
Sam Killawee</p> | <p>Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary
Guests:
Members of the Public
Tanis Anderson, District Vice Principal, Early Learning
Stacy Brine, Social Studies Teacher, NWSS
Ravinder Johal, District Principal, Equity & Inclusion
Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager
Iain Lancaster, District Vice Principal, Programs & Planning
Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record
Tammy McArthur, Teacher, NWSS
Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovations
Jennifer Scorda, Principal, Connaught Heights Elementary</p> |
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- REGRETS** Robert Weston, Executive Director of Human Resources

Chair Russell 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 5:01pm.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the January 12, 2021 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Presentation

a. Connaught Heights Elementary - Outdoor Learning

Connaught Heights Elementary School Principal Jennifer Scorda provided highlights of their Outdoor Learning Journey. It is anticipated that this program will continue to be part of the Connaught curriculum.

3. Comment and Question Period

Nil.

4. **Student Voice**

a. Verbal Update: School Liaison Officer Program

Student Voice students provided highlights of their survey completed by NWSS students. The students noted that the program has an opportunity to build relationships, educate on its purpose, and provide student support.

It was asked whether the Liaison Officers carry guns into the schools. Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovations McRae-Stanger indicated that the officers may arrive at school wearing their active duty uniform and change into a more casual uniform when they are in school (slacks and polo shirt); typically they do have their weapons when they first arrive at school as they are on active duty. Their weapon can be secured in the school and/or their vehicle. This matter has been previously raised and is being reviewed.

5. **Reports from Senior Management**

a. Careers Program Report

District Vice Principal, Programs & Planning Lancaster provided highlights:

- Careers Curriculum - provides students with career exploration and training opportunities.
- Career Life and Exploration - students introduced to start thinking about their career path.
- Community Connections – mentorship.
- CLE and CLC were run virtually this year.
- Work Experience - provides them with a taste of what the program will be like without having to commit to a full program.
- Apprenticeship Programs - Youth Explore Trades; TRAIN in Trades and WORK in Trades. The ITA provides the funding to support these programs.
- The participation is approximately the same for 2020-21 as in 2019-20.
- The students find the programs very worthwhile.

b. District Nourishment Program Highlights

District Vice Principal, Early Learning Anderson provided an update on the school nourishment program. The Alternate Programs have now also subscribed to the lunch program. A [video](#) was created to highlight community and feeding children. The Youth Leadership Society of British Columbia has provided donations, which have allowed the purchase of snacks for the Power and RCAP programs. The Greater Vancouver Food Bank has donated \$16,000 in gift cards to families in need.

c. District Calendar 2021-2022

This item will be brought forward at the January 26 Regular Open Board meeting.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.