

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

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 5:00 PM  
Via Webex Livestream**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<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: Katherine Galloway Anastasija Petrovic</p>	<p>Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent Robert Weston, Executive Director of Human Resources Caroline Manders, Recording Secretary Guests: Members of the Public SilviaArgentina Arauz, MA'AT Legal Services Stacy Brine, Social Studies Teacher, NWSS Ravinder Johal, District Principal, Equity &amp; Inclusion Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager Alejandra López Bravo, Vancouver Foundation Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record Paul Manville, Principal Queen Elizabeth Elementary Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director of Instruction, Learning &amp; Innovations Debbie Ramen, Vice Principal, Queen Elizabeth Elementary Amal Rana, Cambium Arts &amp; Education Mary Trentadue, City Counsellor Andrea Vásquez Jiménez, Latinx, Afro-Latin-America, Abya Yala Education Network (LAEN) Sarah Wethered, President, NWTU</p>
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***Chair Russell recognized and acknowledged the Qayqayt First Nation, 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 5:01 pm.

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the agenda for the April 13, 2021 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**2. Presentation**

a. Queen Elizabeth Elementary-Anti-Racism

Associate Superintendent Naser introduced Paul Manville, Principal, and Debbie Ramen, Vice Principal, of Queen Elizabeth Elementary school.

Please view the Anti-Racism video [here](#).

Click [here](#) [22.32 minute mark] for Vice Principal Ramen's observations and additional comments.

**3. Comment and Question Period**

Trustee Russell invited anyone who had questions regarding the school liaison officer program to speak, and/or could wait until the agenda item was presented.

Please click [here](#) [31.17 minute mark] to view the discussion.

**4. Correspondence**

Correspondence was received. Please see Appendix A attached to these minutes for all the correspondence received pertaining to the Child and Youth Liaison Officers agenda item.

**5. Student Voice**

a. Student Symposium Planning Update

Student Trustees Katharine Galloway and Anastasija Petrovic provided an update on the Student Symposium planning. The 2021 Online Student Symposium will take place on April 21 and include discussions on mental health & supports, improving inclusive education, climate change, and anti-racism work. Student Voice will also participate in a budget meeting on April 22.

**6. Reports from Senior Management**

a. School Liaison Officer Program Review

Trustee Russell acknowledged the work that was begun several months ago in the District pertaining to this matter. Speakers were introduced to continue the discussion and provide further reflections.

Please click [here](#) for the full discussion [51.09 minute mark].

The Trustees had an opportunity to provide comments after the speakers' presentations. It was concluded that no further work on this matter would be necessary. The following motion was brought forward for consideration. It was suggested to table the motion to allow for additional discussion. An opportunity to further discuss the wording of the motion will take place at the April 27, 2021 Regular Open Board meeting.

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the Education Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminster) to discontinue the Child and Youth Liaison Officer Program in our schools and re-design the relationship with the New Westminster Police Department; AND direct staff to report back at the June 8, 2021 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting, on those plans including data collection on race-based data and incident management.***

**CARRIED  
1 Opposed**

**7. General Announcements**

Nil.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.