

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

**Tuesday, June 8, 2021, 5:00 PM
Via Webex Livestream**

PRESENT	<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 Isabella McDonell</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 Tanis Anderson, District Vice Principal, Early Learning Stacy Brine, Social Studies Teacher, NWSS Ravinder Johal, District Principal, Equity & Inclusion Isabella Lam, Vice Principal, Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary Maureen McRae-Stanger, Director of Instruction-Learning & Innovations Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record Jen Richter, Principal, Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary 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 5:01pm.

Committee Chair Russell read a statement regarding the discovery of the Kamloops residential school burial site of 215 children. She also acknowledged the victims of the anti-Muslim hate crime in London, Ontario.

As well, she asked that members of the public be courteous and respectful in their comments. Regarding the Child and Youth Liaison Officer (CYLO) Program, it was confirmed that the Board would not be reversing its decision to discontinue the program.

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the June 8, 2021 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Presentation

a. Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary School Presentation

Principal Richter and Vice Principal Lam provided an overview of the Equity Commitment and social emotional learning at Lord Tweedsmuir. A video was shown of the school's Earth Day activities.

3. Comment and Question Period

For the full comments and questions, please refer to the meeting video.

4. Student Voice

a. Student Voice - Year-in-Review

Student Trustees Katharine Galloway and Isabella McDonell provided highlights of their activities over the past year:

Trustees thanked Student Voice for their participation and input into Board initiatives.

5. Reports from Senior Management

a. Child and Youth Liaison Officer (CYLO) Program Update

District Principal Equity & Inclusion Johal provided an overview of the redesign of the CYLO program. The working relationship with the New Westminister Police Department (NYPD) continues to be positive and collaborative.

b. Supporting Student Well-Being

Director of Instruction-Learning & Innovations McRae-Stanger provided highlights how New Westminister Schools is supporting student well-being in schools. A District mental health workbook is being created, which will be used as a resource. Various stakeholders, including Student Voice have been asked for their feedback and collaboration in compiling resources for the mental health workbook.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.