

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

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

PRESENT	<p>Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair Dee Beattie, Vice-Chair Anita Ansari, Trustee Mary Lalji, Trustee Danielle Connelly, Trustee Mark Gifford, Trustee Maya Russell, Trustee</p>	<p>Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary Guests: Members of the Public Kristen Keighley-Wight, Communications Manager Bruce Cunnings, Director – Instruction, Learning Services Tanis Anderson, District VP – Early Learning Stacy Brine, Teacher, NWSS Chris Evans, Principal, Glenbrook Tu Loan Trieu, Vice-Principal, Glenbrook Angela Jergensen, Teacher, Glenbrook Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record</p>
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Committee 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. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair of the Board called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Moved and Seconded

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Vice-Chair Beattie joined at 5:04 pm

2. PRESENTATION

a. Glenbrook Middle School

Principal Evans, Vice-Principal Trieu and Teacher, Angela Jorgensen presented slides and videos on student initiated traffic calming, student redesigned Griffin logo and upcoming activities and collaboration as part of their “Shared Journey Forward”.

Principal Evans, Vice-Principal Trieu and Teacher Jorgensen left the meeting at 5:25 pm.

3. COMMENT AND QUESTION PERIOD

4. STUDENT VOICE

a. School Start Up (Verbal) (Student Trustees)

Student Trustees shared that they heard concerns from students surrounding equity funding, lockdown, Wi-Fi and the switch from Google to Microsoft. With the aid of a survey, they will gather further information on student needs and concerns and the findings will be shared. School Trustees Makenna and Katharine will be speaking at the new New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) opening celebration.

Superintendent Hachlaf confirmed that lockdown drills are intended for a purpose beyond practice and should identify where to adjust and adapt accordingly. He stated there are funds to ensure the safety of staff and students with appropriate lockdown and if the solution requires more money, operating dollars will be used.

5. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. Literacy Report (B. Cunnings and T. Anderson)

The Literacy Report was shared. Director – Instruction, Learning Services Cunnings presented slides and graphs on Recommendation 1.8: ensuring academic supports and interventions are in place to support students who are struggling in the areas of literacy and numeracy. District Vice-Principal, Anderson described the Strong Tier One Teaching=Prevention model: strength based approach for learners that provides wrap around support and collective brainstorming. The next Literacy Report will be presented in November.

Director – Instruction, Learning & Innovations McRae-Stanger shared that with respect to Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) she is working directly with principals who in turn work with their staff who send information to families. The goal is to see families understand the value of the FSA's resulting in an increase in participation.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Represent Board at BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting - October 22 - 23, 2021

Indigenous Focused Professional Development

Canada School Library Day - October 25, 2021

Represent Board at BCPSEA Symposium - November 4 - 5, 2021

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 pm