

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

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 5:00 PM

Via Webex Livestream

PRESENT	Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair	Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
	Dee Beattie, Vice-Chair	Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
	Anita Ansari, Trustee	Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
	Mary Lalji, Trustee	Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary
	Danielle Connelly, Trustee	Guests:
	Maya Russell, Trustee	Members of the Public
	Mark Gifford, Trustee	Amy Grey, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer
		Stacy Brine, Teacher, NWSS
		Jennifer Scorda, Principal, Connaught/Home Learners
		Kristen Keighley-White, Communications Manager
		Pam Craven, District Principal
		Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record
		Kathleen Carlsen, DPAC Chair
		Sarah Wethered, President, NWTU
		Tanis Anderson, District Vice Principal, Early Learning Students
REGRETS	Robert Weston, Executive Director Human Resources	

Committee Chair Beattie 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 5:00 pm

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the January 18, 2022 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. Hume Park (J. Scorda & P. Craven)

Associate Superintendent Naser provided an introduction to the Home Learners Program presentation. She confirmed the District has been advocating strongly to the Ministry of Education to address a gap in new policy for online learning which would

impact the delivery of the existing program. Of note, was the high percentage of District enrollment at Hume Park.

Connaught Heights/Home Learners Principal Jennifer Scorda provided highlights of the Hume Park Home Learners' Program (Grade K – 9):

- Structure
- Enrollment
- Funding

District Principal Sigma/RCAP/Power/Virtual Pam Craven provided highlights of the New Westminster On-Line Home Learners' Program (Grade 9 – 12):

- Program provides students with an alternate choice to face-to-face instruction
- Enrollment is continuous – the numbers indicate one student, and each student could be enrolled in numerous courses
- Staffing
- Out of District funding

3. **COMMENT AND QUESTION PERIOD**

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

4. **REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

- a. Distributed Learning (P. Craven, J. Scorda & M. Naser)

A presentation of proposed changes to the Distributed Learning format was shared:

- Context, recommendations from Funding Review Panel and key changes for the 2022-2023 school year
- New Model: Local Online Learning Schools (LOLS) and Provincial Online Learning Schools (POLS)
- Policy definitions
- Implications for New Westminister Schools
- Implementation timeline
- Next Steps

Questions and discussion ensued.

Trustee Ansari put forward a motion:

Moved and seconded

THAT the Operations Policy and Planning Committee recommend to the Board of Education of School District No. 40 (New Westminister) to craft an advocacy letter highlighting and supporting the uniqueness of Hume Park especially as it currently exists in a gap created by policy revision.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b. District Nourishment Program Update (T. Anderson)

District Vice Principal, Early Learning, Anderson provided an update to the District Nourishment Program:

- Meet twice a month with Simply Foods
- Advertising has increased through the District and social media
- Barriers have been removed when applying for subsidy
- Balance between "kid friendly foods" and exposing students to new foods
- Increase in number of families participating, paying full price
- Typically order 2 - 3 days a week
- Even with proceeds coming from full paying families, this does not significantly offset the costs of subsidy paid by the District and the Board will have to consider its priorities for resourcing during the 2022-23 school year and how this initiative may be supported.
- BC Dairy continues to provide a free dairy product for subsidized lunches or reduced rate for paid lunches
- New Packaging - Canadian company supplying 95% recycled paper fiber from renewable resources

Questions and discussion ensued.

5. **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nil.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm