



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

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 5:00 PM

Via Webex Livestream

PRESENT Gurveen Dhaliwal, Chair
Dee Beattie, Vice-Chair
Anita Ansari, Trustee
Mary Lalji, Trustee
Danielle Connelly, Trustee
Maya Russell, Trustee

Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent
Bettina Ketcham, Secretary-Treasurer
Maryam Naser, Associate Superintendent
Leanne Sojka, Recording Secretary
Guests:
Members of the Public
Student Trustees
Stacy Brine, Teacher, NWSS
Kathleen Chad, Principal Skwo:wech
Darren Elves, Vice-Principal, Skwo:wech
Julie MacLellan, Reporter, New Westminster Record
Sarah Wethered, President, NWTU

REGRETS Mark Gifford, Trustee

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 meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Moved and Seconded

THAT the agenda for the April 12, 2022, Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Trustee Connelly joined the meeting at 5:09 pm

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. Skwo:wech (K. Chad & D. Elves)

Principal Kathleen Chad and Vice Principal Darren Elves delivered an introduction prior to showcasing a video of the new Skwo:wech school. To view the presentation video, click [here](#) [01:36 mark]

3. COMMENT AND QUESTION PERIOD

Nil.

4. STUDENT VOICE

a. Student Symposium

Student voice shared they are excited to provide feedback to the April 14, 2022, Student Symposium topics of Anti-Racism, Mental Health and Climate Action at the May 10, 2022, Operations Policy and Planning Committee meeting.

5. REPORTS FROM SENIOR MANAGEMENT

a. 2022-23 District Calendar Update (Verbal) (M. Naser)

Associate Superintendent Naser was pleased to share that NWTU was helpful to move their professional development day to assist in aligning the November 14 District-wide professional development day.

b. Provincial Online Learning Schools (POLS) Update (Verbal) (M. Naser)

The POLS implementation timeline has been revised from September 2022 to September 2023. As such, all schools will continue with their current Distributed Learning contract with the Ministry. Prior to the end of this school year, districts will learn if they are becoming POLS. The Ministry plans to align all school districts that become POLS onto a new learning management system called Desire to Learn (D2L) and will provide districts, the required financial and professional development support.

6. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm