BOARD OF EDUCATION
SD NO. 40 (NEW WESTMINSTER)
EDUCATION POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Tuesday, February 13, 2024
3:30 pm
Herbert Spencer Elementary School
605 Second Street, New Westminster

The New Westminster School District recognizes and acknowledges 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.

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1.	**Approval of Agenda**	3:30 PM	
	Recommendation: **THAT the agenda for the February 13, 2024 Education Policy and Planning Committee meeting be adopted as distributed.**		
2.	**Presentations (Karen Catherwood)**		
	a. Herbert Spencer Elementary School - Karen Catherwood	3:35 PM	2
3.	**Comment and Question Period**	4:00 PM	
4.	**Reports from Senior Management**		
	a. Review Recommended 2-year District Calendar (Julie Pearce)	4:10 PM	8
	b. Community Schools and NLC Programs (Rick Bloudell)	4:25 PM	10
5.	**General Announcements**	4:40 PM	
6.	**Adjournment**	4:45 PM	

Herbert Spencer Elementary

Family Teams

Family Teams is designed to promote collaboration between staff and students from various age groups. Each month we get together in our family teams to work on various projects and work together to build our sense of community. This connects directly with our School Learning Plan to enhance student social-emotional well-being at school. We hope to continue to support our students in developing a sense of belonging and providing staff with opportunities to collaborate.

JACK
Claire
RABIA
Hayley

Norah
Charlie

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Pink Shirt Day

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ADST- Scratch

Scratch is a program designed for young people ages 8 to 16, but people of all ages can create and share with Scratch. We are hoping to have a few of you participate by playing a few of our student's creations on Scratch.

Our students have used Scratch to code their own interactive stories around theme days, designing both animations and games. In the process, students are learning to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively. These essential skills connect directly with our BC curriculum, specifically core competencies and ADST curriculum. As an educator, I love teaching scratch as it can be integrated into many different subject areas and age groups.

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2024-2025 School Calendar

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2024-2025 School Calendar KEY

- Statutory Holiday
- Opening Partial Day
- Non-Instructional Day (NI Day) – Staff
- Administrative Day
- School Vacation
- Days of Instruction
- Summer Vacation

2024

Tuesday, September 3	Opening Partial Day
Friday, September 27	NI Day (Professional Development)
Monday, September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Stat
Monday, October 14	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, October 25	NI Day (Provincial Pro-D)
Monday, November 11	Remembrance Day Stat
Tuesday, November 12	NI Day (Professional Development)
December 25	Christmas Day Stat
December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025	Winter Break

2025

Monday, January 6	Schools reopen
Friday, February 14	NI Day (Professional Development)
Monday, February 17	Family Day
March 17 - 28	Spring Break
Thursday, April 17	NI Day (Professional Development)
Friday, April 18	Good Friday
Monday, April 21	Easter Monday
Friday, May 16	NI Day (Professional Development)
Monday, May 19	Victoria Day
Friday, June 27	Last day - students
Monday, June 30	Administrative Day

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2025-2026 School Calendar

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2025-2026 School Calendar KEY

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2025	
September-01	Labour Day
September-02	Opening Partial Day
September-19	Pro D Day (Flexible)
September-30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
October-13	Thanksgiving Day
October-24	NI Day (Provincial Pro-D)
November-11	Remembrance Day Stat
December 22, 2025 - January 2, 2026	Winter Break
2026	
January-05	Schools reopen
January-14	NI Day (Professional Development)
February-13	District Wide Pro D Day
February-16	Family Day
March 16 - 27	Spring Break
April-03	Good Friday
April-06	Easter Monday
April-20	District Wide Pro D Day
May-18	Victoria Day
June-25	Last day - students
June 26	Administrative Day

Community Schools and Neighbourhood Learning Centres

Rick Bloudell

February 13, 2024

New Westminster Schools

What are Community Schools?

Extended hours, extended services, and extended relationships

Elements of Community Schools in British Columbia

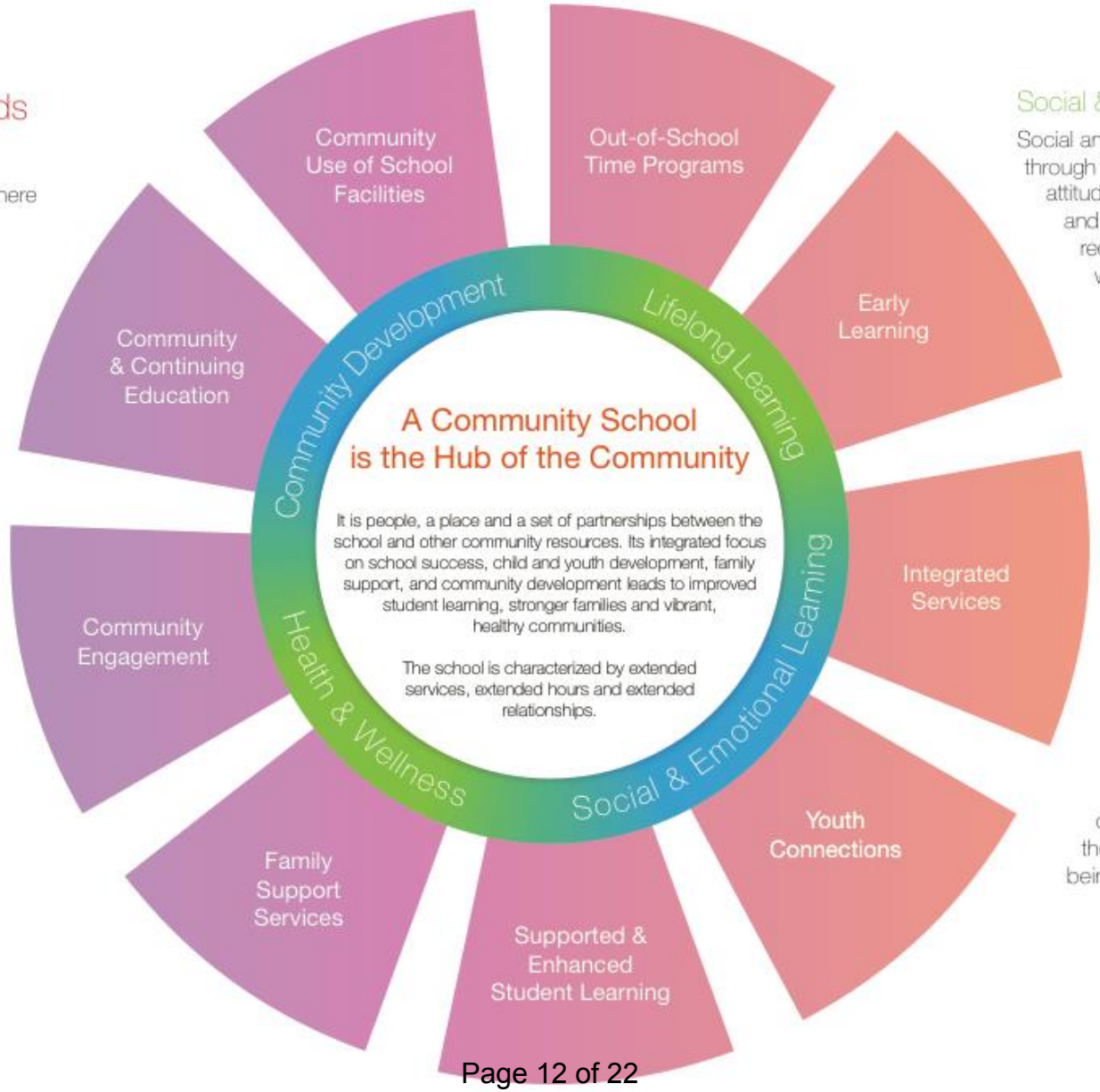
Community School Threads

Community Development

Community development is a process where community members come together to resolve community issues, develop capacity and mobilize community resources. Through a more collaborative method of planning and decision-making, the community is strengthened and community well-being is developed. Community schools help communities obtain, strengthen, and maintain the ability to set and achieve their own collective objectives.

Lifelong Learning

Lifelong learning is all learning that is pursued throughout life with the aim of improving knowledge, skills and competences. It is flexible, diverse and available at different times and in different places. Community schools create opportunities and remove barriers to learning, moving beyond the boundaries of traditional schooling.



Social & Emotional Learning

Social and emotional learning is the process through which individuals develop the skills, attitudes and values necessary to recognize and manage one's own emotions and to recognize emotions in others. It includes working well with others and forming positive relationships, identifying and solving problems, being able to feel sympathy and empathy for others, and help-seeking and help-giving behaviours. Community schools develop and nurture social and emotional capacity in their students, families and community members.

Health & Wellness

Health is a state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being. Wellness is a conscious, lifelong process of becoming aware of choices and making decisions towards a more balanced, healthy and fulfilling life. Community schools empower students, families and community members to pursue both their own health and the collective well-being.

A Week at a Glance

	Monday to Friday
7:00-9:00am	Before school care, Seamless Day
During School Hours	Strong Start, Just B4, Wellness Centre, Welcome Centre
3:00pm-6:00pm	After school programs (until 5pm), After school care, Seamless Day, Welcome Centre, Wellness Centre
6:00pm-close	Community rentals, Welcome Centre, Wellness Centre

Weekends: Community rentals, Wellness Centre

Initiatives

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY RENTALS

NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRES

- WELCOME CENTRE
- WELLNESS CENTRE

After School Programs

- Programming at all elementary and middle schools
- Programs are either free or can be fully subsidized
- Community partners and volunteers are the engines
- Engaging with schools to ensure we are targeting students who most benefit

After School Programs 2022-2023

Program Partners

- Douglas College
- City of New Westminster Parks and Recreation
- Red Fox Healthy Living Society
- New Westminster Soccer Club
- Start Coding
- Family Services of Greater Vancouver
- Veg Yoga
- Young Rembrandts
- Rise Up Sports
- Canada Scores

Season	Number of Programs	Number of Students
Fall 2022	35	425
Winter 2023	35	507
Spring 2023	36	553
Totals	106	1,485

Community Rentals

November 2023 – School Gymnasiums

3 days/week	5 days/week	6 days/week	7 days/week
Howay	Q.E.	Skwo:wech	FRMS
	Connaught	Spencer	QMS
	Qayqayt	Tweedsmuir	GMS
		Lord Kelvin	NWSS

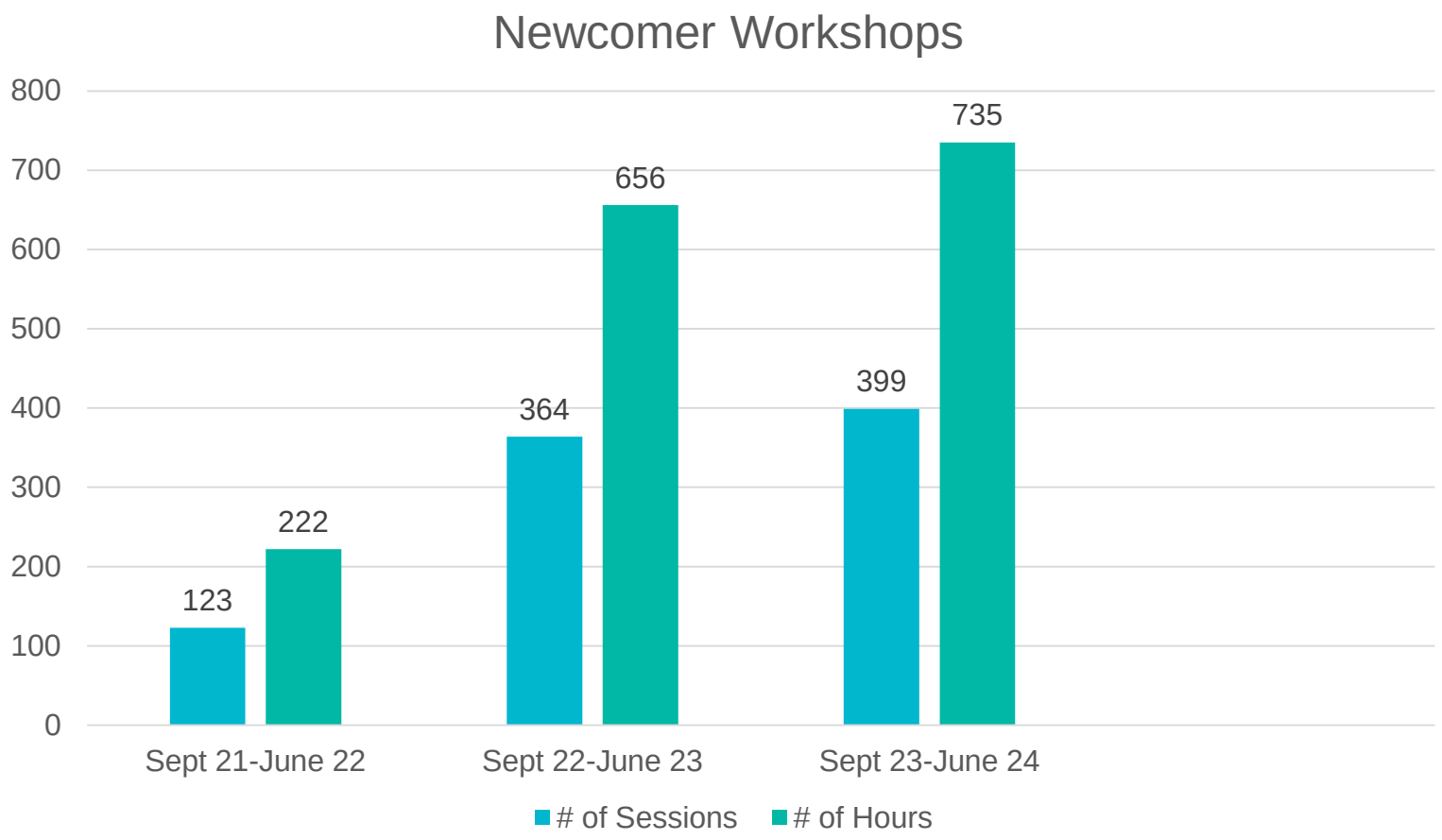
Sample of User Groups

- City of New Westminster
- New Westminster Minor Softball Association
- New Westminster Soccer Club
- New Westminster Volleyball
- Girl Guides
- Scouts

Welcome Centre

- COMMUNITY NAVIGATOR
- INCREASE IN STUDENT PARTICIPATION
  - 5 programs specifically for students
- MOSAIC PARTNERSHIP
  - Translation services
  - Program facilitation

Welcome Centre



Wellness Centre

SERVICES

- NURSE PRACTITIONER
- COUNSELLING
  - District Clinical Counsellor
  - Cameray Child and Family Services
  - Child and Youth Mental Health
  - Fraser Health START program
  - Lumara Grief and Bereavement

EVENTS

- STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIRS
- PARENT AND CAREGIVER EDUCATION
- POP-UPS

Wellness Centre

Questions