



**MINUTES OF THE NEW WESTMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**Tuesday, June 10th, 2025, 5:30 PM  
School Board Office**

**PRESENT**

Maya Russell, Chair  
Cheryl Sluis, Vice-Chair  
Danielle Connelly, Trustee  
Elliott Slinn, Trustee  
Kathleen Carlsen, Trustee  
Marc Andres, Trustee

Mark Davidson, Superintendent  
Bettina Ketcham, Secretary Treasurer  
Robert Weston, Executive Director, Human Resources  
Anne-Marie Martin, Recording Secretary  
Pam Craven, Director of Learning Manager of International Education  
Ken Headley, District Vice Principal, DEIA  
Kia Smith, District SOGI Lead

**Regrets:**

Gurveen Dhaliwal, Trustee  
Geraldine Lawlor, Associate Superintendent

**Members of the Public:**

Kristie Oxley, NWTU President

***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 called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Moved and Seconded**

***THAT the agenda for the June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted as distributed.***

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**2. District Presentations**

Nil.

**3. Delegations**

Nil.

**4. Correspondence**

Nil.

**5. Reports from Senior Management**

**a. Administrative Procedure (AP218 – New) – Online Learning**

Director Craven reviewed the new administrative procedure that focuses on online learning for students in grades 6-8 who want to accelerate their learning with key points that include, requires school administrator approval, courses offered primarily through Brightspace, and assessment and consultation with district instructors to verify student readiness.

Discussions that followed were focused on potential negative impacts on student well-being due to an acceleration of learning, ensuring academic integrity, providing appropriate support for students, and balancing online learning with traditional classroom experiences.

Questions and comments can be viewed at [5:39 p.m.] on the [video](#)

**b. Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Report**

SOGI lead Smith presented the SOGI report with some of the following key highlights. Established an active SOGI Advisory Committee. Major projects being developed, creating a handbook on gender identification, developing inclusive bathroom signage, installing district pride logo displays.

Questions and comments can be viewed at [6:09 p.m.] on the [video](#)

**6. Question Period**

NIL.

**7. Reporting out from In-Camera**

Tuesday, June 10, 2025: Committee of the Whole 5:30 p.m. (SBO & Via Zoom).

**8. Notice of Meetings**

Regular Board Meeting - Monday June 23, 2025: This has been moved to accommodate the High School Graduation taking place on Tuesday June 24, 2025.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer