

Date: Sept 17, 2020

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Time: 7:04 -8:40 pm

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair: Kathleen Carlsen

Minute Taker: Cyrus Sy (Secretary)

Executive: Ronda Field (Acting Past Chair), Renee Mosi (Treasurer), Akbar Merchant
(Member-at-Large)

Guests: Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent),

Trustees: Danielle Connelly, Anita Ansari

Parents/Guardians: (participant list from Zoom)

Rouba Al pitar, Gabriela Coca, Chuck Chow, Manpreet Kaur, Ricardo Cueva, Holly Hobart, Bernadette Gourlay, Michael Wilton, David Cook, Laura Florescu, Jennifer Parsons, Micheal-Swayne Knott, Sara Dick, Seth lin, Larisa Ciprian, Katrin Jessome, Roshni Sarath, Chiao Chien Kuan, Lorida Koca, Sue Kenny, Karen Hernandez, Julie Rule, XIAOYONG CHEN, Marya Wickenhauser, George Wang, Linda Pardek, JUDITH CABADING, Rommel Santos, Jason Howe, Allison Viveiros, Ans Dragos, Sanjay Regmi, Ani Phelan, Ranjit Kaur Gill, Tiffany Kobbero, Catherine Scott, Stefan Hertel, Arju Patel, Kathy Maderaje, Marisa Lane, Tera Nicholson, Martinique Longstaff, Debbie Chan, Jennifer Barrera, Youngji Ko ,Fanny Laguna, Michelle Z, Fatema Chowdhury, Rod Forbes, Marlayne Metzker, Max DU, Kristine Jimenez, Anita Ansari, Carline Alon, Amy Meyer, Fercholla Gopez, Samantha Kemppi, Dalia Hussaini, Michael Wilton, Lambroula Pappas, Eneida, Jeff Wu, Jen Knight, Junho Lee, Anne Whitmore, Krista Burrows, Akoj Garang, Kailey Toth, Andii Stephens, Alejandro Mejia, Marilyn Molinski, IVANA ILIC, Anj Maharaj, Flavia, Tony, P Megan Andrews, Diana Narvaez, Alma HERNANDEZ, Karen Arevalo, Manal Elbadawi, Antonia Paradis, Laurel leathem, Monica, Tina Jhingan, Carrie, Maria Read, SHEILLA SAMSON, Maureen Roantree, Raghav Banota, Rita Aguiar, Nazreen Rosania, Remo Pistor, Shabnam Barsha, Robin Goyan, Gurpreet sodhi, Musa Mahmood, Pauline Bautista, Daniela Ribeiro, Jens Vent-Schmidt, Paul Carrasco, Haziell Perida

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

1. Standing Items

1.1. Welcome

1.2. Acknowledgement

1.3. Attendance & Introductions

Executive members were introduced - see above

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Renee, Second by Ronda, CARRIED

1.5. Chair Report

It's been a very different and somewhat emotional start to the new school year; not what anyone could have imagined this time last year. But we are resilient and we will make the best of the situation we've been given, and we will work to make this a positive year for all students.

Continuing on the communications theme of last year, the DPAC executive sent out a survey to all parents asking you to share your thoughts on the return-to-school plan - see below in

New Business for survey results. We will also continue to ask District staff to attend our meetings with updates and to offer you a safe and respectful platform to ask questions. We feel this is one of most useful tools your DPAC can provide at this time.

We would like to thank Superintendent Hachlaf and his team for being available for all of us. More than 100 questions compiled from the online survey were sent to Mr. Hachlaf yesterday. It was a very tight turn-around in order to collect your responses, categorize them, forward them and be able to address some of them here tonight. Thank you again, Mr. Hachlaf!

1.6. District Update - Superintendent Karim Hachlaf

Mr. Hachlaf answered many questions that were sent to him the previous day, as well as answering many questions posed during the meeting. A document with these questions and answers is attached and will also be posted on the NW DPAC website.

1.7. Treasurer's Report

Renee presented the Budget for the 2020-21 school year and answered a couple questions.

MOTION: To accept the 2020-2021 Budget as presented here.

MOVED by: Ronda SECONDED by: Sue Kenny CARRIED

2. Old Business

2.1. None

3. New Business

3.1. BCCPAC Membership

The SD40 DPAC has paid for all schools in the District to be members of BCCPAC. Thank you to the PACs at Herbert Spencer, Lord Tweedsmuir, Queen Elizabeth Elementary and Queensborough Middle School. All other schools, please have your PAC Chair or the DPAC rep for each PAC do the following:

- A. Go to the [PAC Membership page](#)
- B. Fill in the required contact details
- C. Add this DPAC Code 42338 in the Payment section
- D. Click Submit

One of the many advantages of being a member is that BCCPAC has provided a ZOOM account for all DPACs in the province. This in turn will help out individual PACs with their Zoom meetings. Although SD40 DPAC has already purchased an account, this is now a savings to us and will allow for more attendees at all meetings.

3.2. Parent Education

As we will most likely not be in a position to hold large events for quite some time, the DPAC executive felt it would be beneficial to parents for us to hold Virtual Educational events.

The first event we are working on is a class for parents on how to use the same platforms the students are using. (ie: MS Teams, Google Classrooms). Once this is secured, we will let all parents in the district know.

We also welcome any ideas for future Education events through the on-line survey or through email to newwestdpacchair@gmail.com

3.3 Preliminary Survey Results

Cyrus shared some of the results that have come in from the survey so far. Graphs were shown that indicated the level of stress for parents and children, the number of families who were happy with or who would have preferred other options for the return-to-school plan and so much more. See below for more and remember to fill in the survey. Last day of survey is: Friday, September 25, 2020.

3.4 Online Support Group for Remote Learning Parents

Sue Kenny shared that she has started a FaceBook page for those families who have chosen to do online learning. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/950336102131873>

As this is new to so many, parents have been able to support each other, ask questions and work together as a community. They welcome anyone who is doing online learning to join the group and be part of the fun. To become a member go to: Facebook, search: new westminster online learning parents group, fill out the form and submit. The administration will only allow those whose children are enrolled in online learning in New Westminister.

Notes from the Question/Answer with Superintendent Hachlaf:

- Online Learning
 - There will be at least one online teacher for each school and grade
 - We had 3 vacancies in french immersion
 - Difficult to maintain
 - Working hard to keep students
 - Done a complete staff overhaul for 478 students in online
 - Can I move online from in-class? Not able to accommodate online right now...
- Safety
 - Masks are not required for elementary, Masks are supposed to be enforced at high-school
 - Masks not required Drop-off and pickup
 - Update: Management of illness and confirmed cases
 - If District Has A Confirmed Case, you will see it in the fraser health , website
 - An FAQ will be provided. If there is a confirmed case, fraser health will do contact tracing and notification. Health Authority will determine which individual

- Self-isolation or self-monitoring - decision is made by health authority.
- Would send families a letter and steps would
- • What happens if we all have to go back online?
- • School district
- • One more vacancy in FI

Adjournment: 8:40 pm, Moved by Ronda

Next Meeting - October 15, 2020 @ 7pm

At: Virtual Zoom