

Date: Nov 19, 2020

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),

Guests: Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent), Bruce Cunnings, Maureen Mc-Rae Stranger

Parents/Guardians: (participant list from Zoom)

Sloane Drennan (EGMS), Karon Trenamen, Carrie Carlsen, Fatema Chowdry, Larisa Ciprian, Martinique Longstaff, Sue Kenny, Anne Whitmore

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 Ronda, Second by Renee, CARRIED

1.5. Approval of Minutes from Oct 17 Meeting

Moved by Ronda, Second by Fatema, CARRIED

1.6. Chair Report: Thank everyone for logging into the meeting tonight.

The pandemic has personally affected me and my ability to work for these past 2 weeks, and we're not sure with the new rules that have just been announced what the City will decide to do. I understand and appreciate the rules and guidelines being set for all of us to be safe.

They are needed to keep ourselves, our children, our families and our communities safe.

There is concern about the upcoming organized protest planned for Dec 1st at the School Board Office. Protesting the mandate for masks, class sizes, and inclusive online options without losing your child's place in their school here may not be the right place to do this.

Many of these concerns are not under the control of the District.

The mandate for mask wearing is a provincial directive set out by the Provincial Health Organization, and class sizes are mandated provincially with some variations based on collective agreements (unions).

The District has worked to ensure there is no threat in a child losing their place in school if they choose online learning, as well they have done much more: they have increased mental health in the high school; continued work on the new high school, the Richard McBride replacement school and the new outdoor learning spaces while also attending all DPAC meetings to answer your questions.

There is frustration at all levels with delay in contact tracing, the increase in the number of infected people and the uncertainty of the situation the whole world is in at this moment.

May I suggest we respect the tight rules and guidelines the District must follow, be patient and understanding and listen to the District before bombarding them with questions and demands in which they have no control over. Thank you.

1.7. District Update - Superintendent Karim Hachlaf

COVID Update:

Hospitalization and rates have gone down for school-age children

- Transmission is still quite low in schools
- Updated health and safety measures as of Nov 19. The indoor mask mandate for public spaces and retail environments does not apply to schools.
- Maintain social interactions only within your immediate household. This has expanded to the entire province until Dec. 7th
- Early Notification Process - SD continues to issue notices on behalf of Fraser Health the same day are they are received.
- Schools have been concerned with the amount of lag in school communication. The actual date of exposure can be a few days or even over a week.
- The district does not have control over the delay, but Fraser Health is taking steps to improve lag.
- New West has not sent any self-isolation letters; 50% of schools and programs have had some kind of exposure notification
- Remote learning has an impact on mental health, equity and access.
- 430 students participating in a K-8 Online Learning Program
- Parent suggestion: Don't send your kids to school if symptoms. Don't expect testing to come back right away, but use e-health faster than text results. If you have a child please take initiative to inform other students or parents in the class.
- Some K-8 parents are concerned lack of communication between parents and students
- Maureen said that the chat function was disabled to reduce abuse and disruption

		SCHOOL YEAR					
		2015 -	2016 -	2017 -	2018 -	2019 -	2020* -
		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
GRADE	Kindergarten	21.1	21.2	18.1	18.6	17.7	17.4
	Grades 1 – 3	22.5	22.8	20.0	20.3	20.2	18.8
	Grades 4 – 7	26.3	26.7	25.8	25.6	25.9	23.8
	Grades 8 – 12	24.1	24.4	23.0	23.3	23.4	23.1

1.8. Treasurer's Report

Nothing to report. No new expenses or incoming funds.

1.9. Guest Report - Bruce Cunnings - Inclusive Education Review

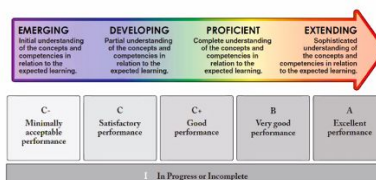
- Currently in Phase 1
- 9 recommendations are outlined in the presentation
- Will be revamping handbook in consultation with parents
- **Save the dates: Tuesday, Dec 8, 2020 6:30-7:30pm. NWSS Parent information for students requiring additional supports and services**

1.10. Guest Speaker - Maureen McRae-Stranger

- Student Progress is measured on learning standards in our provincial curriculum and focuses on strengths & services
- How do we communicate progress?
 - Ongoing/Informal: Meetings, phone calls, e-mails, assessed work sent home, portfolios
 - Schedule Connections: interview or conference, minimum 2x a year
 - Report Cards: December & March, Summative Report June, MyEd, Core Competencies - 2x a year
- Three key changes in Dec report card: Grading scale that better aligns to redesigned curriculum, focus on the core competencies, three-way conferencing
- K-5 will get a new scale this year
- Grade 6-8 will get a new scale next year
- Planning send out a survey to parents to get feedback on online learning program
- Teams is a Microsoft Office communication/collaboration tool
- Video Tutorials for Parents:
 - Teams Navigation 101: <https://youtu.be/PnlizrZ9eu0>
 - MS Teams Assignments: <https://youtu.be/bgcij0Y9jZs>
 - Class Notebook: <https://youtu.be/rXtXTMvXPoI>

What Will this Look Like on Report Cards?

Grades K-3	Grades 4-5	Grades 6-8
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new proficiency scale• written comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• new proficiency scale (letter grades by request)• written comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• letter grades• written comments



2. Old Business

2.1. None

3. New Business

3.1. BCCPAC Summit

- Resources from BCCPAC Summit 2020 are located here:
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac/930-2020-dpac-summit-resources>

3.3 Parents as Education and Career Coaches

- Dec 3 session to assist Grade 12 parents
- Parents as Career Coaches presentation - resources to help
- <https://www.educationplannerbc.ca/>

Adjournment: 8:40 pm, Moved by Ronda

Next Meeting - January 21, 2021, 7pm

At: Virtual Zoom