

Date: April 15, 2021

Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Time: 7-9 pm

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Co-Chair: Kathleen Carlsen

Minute Taker: Cyrus Sy (Secretary)

Executive: Ronda Field (Acting Past Chair, NWSS), Renee Mosi (Treasurer)

Guests: Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent), Dee Beattie (Trustee), Danielle Connelly (Trustee)

Parents/Guardians: (participant list from Zoom)

Laura Kwong (Qayqayt), Larisa Ciprian (Richard McBride Elementary), Martinique Longstaff (Herbert Spencer), Carrie Carlsen (Lord Tweedsmuir), Renee Caines (FW Howay), Grace Steyn (Qayqayt), Jessica Swanson (Qayqayt), Andrea Ip (Qayqayt), Michelle Kennedy (Qayqayt), Anne Whitemore (Qayqayt), Chelle Ostlund (Home Learners), Julie Rule (Qayqayt)

Regrets: Sue Kenny, Gurveen Dhaliwal, Doug Herasymuik

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

1. Standing Items

1.1. Welcome

1.2. Call to Order & Acknowledgement

1.3. Attendance & Introductions

Executive members were introduced - see above

1.4. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Martinique, Second by Kathleen, CARRIED

1.5. Approval of Minutes from Nov 23 Meeting

Moved by Martinique, Second by Chelle, CARRIED

1.6. Chair Report: Kathleen

- We hope you were all able to enjoy some time with your children during Spring Break.
- Ronda, Cyrus and myself spent time writing, researching, re-writing and submitting resolutions for the BCCPAC to bring forward to the AGM - thank you!
- We acknowledge and thank all parents for being here tonight. It has been a year since our world drastically changed and unfortunately we are still dealing with so many challenges. We are all feeling the effects of the world we are living in now and we are all trying our best to navigate through. We are supportive of all SD40 families and hold space for those of you who are just trying to get through each day
- Take deep breaths, know we will get through this; we need to work together, follow the rules and be strong knowing the rules are in place for us, for our safety and for the safety of those we love.
- Thank you to our DPAC reps who are on ARAC (Anti-Racism Advocacy committee) - Laura Kwong and Natalie Suffron.
- School Trustees and the Superintendent were thanked for supporting the DPAC

- Lastly: Although I may not agree with the recent decision of the SD40 School Trustees voting to take the Police out of our schools, I do not believe sending death threats or any type of threat is ever a reasonable reaction; it is never okay! I am sad, frustrated and disappointed - if anyone has opinions that differ from those that make decisions, we need to come together, communicate, learn from each other and be open to all points of view. Gurveen - I am so sorry this happened to you.

1.7. Superintendent Report - District Update

COVID

- PHO COVID Data Update:
- http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/COVID-19_April_Data_04152021.pdf
- SD40 COVID-19 Update:
- http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/COVID-19-Update-April13_2021.pdf
- Notification process has changed. Notification letter includes self-isolation letter for class or students.
- Concerns around variants and increased transmission creating high degree of concern
- PHO data shows school transmission is flat compared to increase in community transmission
- School transmission does not appear to be driver for community transmission
- Cases are predominately VOC (Variants of Concern)

Budget

- The NW School District will have a structural deficit, expenses > revenues.
- Deficit is \$1.8M, on budget of \$70M
- Shortfall mainly due to 120 international students for 2020-2021 is short of our 200 students pre-covid
- \$3.8M district has a surplus that is part of our operating budget
- Priorities
 - We need to still allocate additional money for enhanced health-and safety
 - No plans to cut programs and services
 - Will not be able to spend all the other options
- We are the fastest growing metro school district in proportion, 3.8%
- Budget consultation is underway
- Areas that may not get new funding include: Supplies & resources/Collaborative learning spaces/furniture / adding additional counselling/staffing/additional administration

1.8. Treasurer's Report

- No changes on DPAC finances
- Any SD40 PAC may submit receipts to receive up to \$250 for speakers - please contact us for more information

1.9. School Board Trustee Report

- Motion passed at the Education Meeting to end School Liaison Officer (SLO) - this will go to the Board for a vote on April 27th
- SLO was already paused
- Looking to build a new relationship with police

- NWSS farewell process - video not ready, and will need to be rescheduled
- Parents invited to attend / hoping the end of June
- 1.10. Anti-Racism Advisory Committee Meeting (Laura Kwong)**
 - Met consultant and survey question
 - Advisory group has multiple groups participating
 - Survey is being developed with stakeholder input
 - Survey to be sent out before the end of month (target)
- 1.11. PNO Report**
 - Tuesday, May 11th Entering Your Child's Online World
 - Technology & Social Media use during COVID, balancing technology use for school, communication & entertainment, positive use of gaming, digital consent and safety

2. Old Business

2.1. NONE

3. New Business

3.1. BCCPAC Update & Resolutions

- Speaker Proxy form must be filled out for anyone wishing to log on and check out the BCCPAC AGM. Forms need to be signed by 2 PAC executive members and sent in before Monday.
- Each PAC has a VOTE, a VOTER proxy form must be filled out, signed and sent in before Monday.
- If no one from your PAC is available to vote, you MUST let the DPAC Chair know by emailing newwestdpachchair@gmail.com no later than noon Saturday. A DPAC executive will be appointed to vote on behalf of your PAC
- Resolutions - Thank you to Cyrus, Ronda, Beth and Sue Kenny for your help and support with the Resolutions we sent in. Please see below for resolutions sent in, and comments for each.

Below is the list of resolutions that DPAC submitted with response/feedback from BCCPAC.

- **Resolution #1:** Safe Water as a Human Right was changed to - PENDING APPROVAL
 - This was changed to Safe Drinking Water for All K-12 Students in BC Public Schools
 - We are waiting to hear back regarding the new wording to this resolution.
- **Resolution #2** Restricting the Sale of Bottled Water in Schools - PENDING APPROVAL
 - We had to change this because the MoE has a policy regarding guidelines for the sale of food & beverages in schools. Change now reads: Be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate to the Ministry of Education to revise the Guidelines for Food & Beverage Sales in B.C. Schools (gov.bc.ca) to restrict the sale and use of single use bottled water in schools
- **Resolution #3** Funding for new School Build / rebuilds to accommodate projected population growth - REJECTED
 - We were told this is a school board matter and new school builds are funded through the MoE's capital program. Funding a new build doesn't change except for parameters regarding size through the Area Standards Document. So, we sent in a new resolution below

- **Resolution #3b** Change to the BC Area Standards Document - PENDING APPROVAL
 - This now reads be it resolved that BCCPAC advocate for revisions to the Ministry of Education Area Standards document for the design of all new or rebuilt schools throughout BC to have the necessary capacity to accommodate reasonable growth projections for future enrolment, instead of the current standard which is based on current enrolment numbers.
- **Resolution #4** Restricting the sale and use of vapour products near schools - REJECTED
 - We were told this is all about enforcement, I informed them it is about the distance between the point of sale and our schools. I was told this was not a provincial matter - it is a municipal matter. We respectfully with-drew this resolution for this year. We would love to have others who have the time and energy to help out so we can put forth a resolution next year that will be accepted.
- **Resolution #5** Development of MoE Climate Action Plan - REJECTED
 - We did not get a lot of information on why, have done a lot of research and see that the MoE has an old plan that has not been updated. It also seems many districts are working on this. It makes sense to have all School Districts working together.
 - Dee reported the Trustees are putting forth a call for an action plan through the BCSTA (School Trustee Association) - we fully support this!
- **Resolution #6** Publicly funded HPV Vaccine for All Students - REJECTED
 - They rejected this based on information that they read regarding the Vaccine, saying it already exists, is free & is only required for other populations if deemed at risk. Also said this is not a BCCPAC mandate as we cannot influence what the Ministry of Health will or will not pay for.
 - After more back & forth I asked where we could advocate for the safety and inclusion of ALL students, we were told it would be to the Ministry of Health.
- **Resolution #7** Funding for Provincial K-12 Online Education Program - PENDING APPROVAL.

We sent this in, advocating for you, after hearing parents' concerns at our last DPAC meeting. There were a few small changes suggested; we are hopeful this will get approved to be voted on at the AGM

All members were encouraged to think about joining the DPAC executive in the 2021-22 school year. If you have questions, reach out to any executive member. The AGM will be held in June. Date TBD

Adjournment: 8:25 pm, Moved by Ronda

Next Meeting - May 20, 2021, 7pm

At: Virtual Zoom