**Date:** September 23, 2021 **Location:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Time:** 7-9 pm

# **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Chair: Kathleen Carlsen (EGMS) Minute Taker: Cyrus Sy (Secretary)

Executive: Renee Mosi (Treasurer, NWSS), Laura Kwong (MAL, Qayqayt), Chelle Ostlund (MAL, Home

Learners)

**Guests:** Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent), Maryam Naser (Assistant Superintendent), Bettina Ketcham

(Secretary-Treasurer), Kristen Keighlwy-Wight (Communications), Bruce Cunnings (School

District), Maureen McRae-Stanger (District)

Parents/Guardians (via Zoom), Trevor Johnston (Lord Tweedsmuir), Justin Beahm (Qayqayt), Julie Rule (Qayqayt), Guillaume Bourdages (Hume park), Ricardo Cueva (École Glenbrook Middle School), Shadi Arous (NWSS), Meredith Haaf (Lord Tweedsmuir), Jennifer Flasko (Lord Tweedsmuir), Larisa Ciprian (Skwo:wech), Roger Hu (Glenbrook), Tabitha Guichon (Queen Elizabeth Elementary) Michelle Kennedy (qayqayt), Lucy Yang (Glenbrook), Steph Hsu (Hume Park), Grace Steyn (Qayqayt), Renee Mosi (NWSS), Sarina Prasad (Qayqayt), Susan Kenny (QE), JC Valeros (Qayqayt), Natalia Clark (Qayqayt), Colin Magor (Lord Tweedsmuir), Mark Ritchie (Qayqayt), Jennifer Roff (F. W. Howay), Chelle Ostlund (Hume Park), Carrie Carlsen (Lord Tweedsmuir), L K (Hume Park HLP), Doug Herasymuik (FW Howay), Teresa Watson (Fraser River Middle), Martinique Longstaff (Herbert Spencer), A I (Qayqayt),

Monica H (Qayqayt)

**Regrets:** Anne Whitmore (Vice-Chair, Qayqayt)

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

# 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 Chelle, Second by Doug, CARRIED

- 1.5. Chair Report: Kathleen
  - Parent Survey to be sent out
  - Thank you: to all parents in the District for your emails, texts, and phone calls. It is so encouraging to be on the DPAC Executive in a City with so many involved parents who care so deeply about education and the safety of all of our children.
  - The new executive is an active one; encouraging continuing communications. We invite more involvement in the delivery of solutions to areas of concern this year

- Reminder: DPAC is here to advocate for your children in all areas of education. Some examples other than Covid related measures are: New Schools Long Range Plans, before and after school care, full time day-time custodians, and anything else you feel is important to the safety and education of your children
- We were not able to follow through last year in all the areas we would have liked, but we are committed, moving forward and will be asking for support and help from you this year.
- This starts with a SURVEY we have prepared to go to all parents in the District asking you to share your top concerns at the PAC/School level, the DPAC level and the District level. We expect the District to send this out to all parents very soon.
- Thank you: to School District Staff and the School Board Trustees for working together for our children, being open to hear the concerns of all parents and for agreeing to have a DPAC report added to your general meetings agendas.

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# 1.6. Superintendent Report - District Update

- Superintendent Hachlaf and District Staff answered questions from parents.
- Written answers were provided following the meeting.
  - <a href="http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/DPAC-COVID-Response-1.p">http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/DPAC-COVID-Response-1.p</a> <a href="http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/DPAC-COVID-Response-1.p">http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/DPAC-COVID-Response-1.p</a> <a href="http://df">df</a>
- Question: COVID Funding What did we do with it?
  - See link above for a detailed breakdown.
- Ventilation
  - Fortunate to have newer modern schools
  - All Schools have been upgraded and replaced with MERV-13
  - Weekly monitoring of systems
  - Hume Park has MERV-13
  - Filters will be changed 4 times per year, including portables
- Day-Time Custodians
  - Custodians will rotate between schools
  - Cleaning of high-touch areas happens part-time and goes above and beyond BCCDC guidelines (1 per day)
  - The district will provide an assessment of cleaning procedures later this fall.
- Parent Volunteers Can we bring them in?
  - Yes, adhering to PHO guidelines
  - Must wear non-medical mask, daily health check,
  - We will do this gradually to essential educational services
  - Can we request vaccination status
    - We are NOT requesting vax status or proof of
    - Proof of vax is not required by PHO for school events
    - Outside groups that are renting facilities would require proof of vaccination as per PHO
  - PHO has made it clear that school-related events don't require proof of vaccination
  - What are the systems being run in portables?
    - They have individual systems such as furnace with MERV filters

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## 1.7. **Treasurer's Report**

- Motion:
- Approve 2021-22 DPAC budget as presented during meeting (see Appendix A)
- Moved by: Renee Mosi, Second: Laura Kwong, CARRIED

### 1.8. **PNO Report**

- Next PNO is on October 19, 2021 "Helping Children and Youth Manage Stress and Anxiety with Dr. Kristin Buhr"
- http://nwdpac.ca/event/parents-night-out-october-2021/?instance\_id=120

# 1.9. **School Reports**

No reports were given.

#### 2. **Old Business**

### 2.1. Qayqayt Walkway - Update

- A new walkway was installed to keep students off of the parking lot
- Looking for feedback, so far review has been pretty good

# 2.2. **BCCPAC Special Meeting - Update**

Meeting did not go ahead due to lack of quorum

### 2.3. **Zoom for PAC Meetings**

All PACs should submit their requests for zoom meetings to DPAC chair.

# 2.4. **Board Meeting reminder**

Go to the District website to see the schedule of meetings. The General meetings happen every Third Thursday.

# 3. **New Business**

## 3.1. Questions / Concerns about the safety of our students

- Status of Bus for Connaught Heights and Lord Tweedsmuir?
  - Parent spoke about need for bus to FRMS
  - We don't have the resources to support a bus service
  - Queensborough MLA had promised a high school transportation.- district has not gotten update
- Can we get crossing guards in busy areas?
  - We put crossing guards in safe walking routes
  - Bring concerns to school principal, and will take to transportation manager
- Can my child do online learning if they have to stay at home?
  - Best to talk to teacher and principal
- All staff are required to wear non-medical masks at all times if concerned, parents need to take it up with the school teacher & principal.

#### 3.2. **HEPA Filters**

Discussed previously in District Update

### 3.3. **In-Person PAC Meetings**

- All PACs are encouraged to use virtual meetings for safety reasons
- PACs have access to a zoom account from DPAC

Adjournment: 845 pm, Moved by Laura

**Next Meeting** - October 21, 2021, 7pm **At:** Virtual Zoom

Appendix A: Proposed 2021-2022 DPAC Budget

d	A	В	С	D
1	DPAC Budget	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	2021-2022 Proposed Budget
2	Revenue			
3	BC Gaming	2500	2500	2500
4	SD40	0	0	0
5	TOTAL REVENUE	2500	2,500	2,500
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7	Gaming as of Aug-31-2021	1,852	1,852	1,096
8	Operating as of Aug-31-2021	8493.83	8493.83	5,369
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11	Expenses			
12	Gaming			
13	BCCPAC Fees DPAC			150
14	Parent Conferences (incl. BCCPAC)	500	0	500
15	Parent Education, Seminars, Events	2000	250	1500
16	miscellaneous (supplies, bank)	200	0	200
17	Website/Communications	850	506	800
18	Total Expenses Gaming	3550	756	3150
19	Operating			
20	BCCPAC Fees	1125	1125	0
21	Bursaries / Student Direct Support	2000	2000	2000
22	Parent Education, Seminars, Events			500
23	Gifts	200	0	200
24	DPAC Meeting Space, Childcare	100	0	100
25	Social	0	0	100
26	All Candidate Forum	0	0	0
27	Total Expenses Operating	3425	3125	2900
28	TOTAL EXPENSES	10,525	4,636	9,200
30	SURPLUS (DEFICIT) Gaming	(1,698)	1,096	446
31	SURPLUS (DEFICIT) Operating	5,069	5,369	2,469