

**Date:** October 21, 2021

**Location:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Time:** 7-9 pm

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Chair:** Kathleen Carlsen (Ecole Glenbrook Middle School)     **Minute Taker:** Cyrus Sy (Secretary, EGMS)

**Executive:** Renee Mosi (Treasurer, New Westminster Secondary School), Laura Kwong (MAL, Ecole Qayqayt Elementary), Chelle Ostlund (MAL, HumePark Home Learners), Anne Whitmore (Vice-Chair, Q)

**Guests:** Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent), Gurveen Dhaliwhal (Board Chair), Graeme Patridge-David (Family Smart)

**Parents/Guardians (via Zoom):** Allison Clavelle (Q), , Veronika Petrovski (Q), Jason Gelderman (Q), Tanya Maglio (Q), Bernadette Gourlay (Queen Elizabeth Elementary and Queensborough Middle School), Marjan (Q), Swinburne Malalasom (QBS), Maddie Davidson (Q), Jennifer Flasko (Ecole Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary), Melissa Holand (Q), Larisa Cibrian (Skwo:wech Elementary), Charmaine Urbano (Fraser River Middle School), Tabitha Guichon (QEE), Christine Mendoza (HPL), Leanne Ingram (HPL), Daniel Ferrer (next year), Michelle Kennedy (Q), Collen Jeffrey (SWE), Nora Le (Q), Grace Steyn (Q), Sue Kenny (QEE), Glen Murray (Q), Jennifer Roff (FW Howay Elementary), Darko Petrovski (Q), Tania Jasmak (Q), Carrie Carlsen (ELT), Ryan Jobb (Q), Anastasia (Q and EGMS), Doug Herasymuik (FWH), Gabriela (Q), Kathryn Roberts (SWE), Kaitlyn Richards (QEE), Chrisell Mitchell (FWH), Andrea Ip (Q)

**Regrets:** None.

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Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

### Standing Items

**1.1. Welcome**

**1.2. Call to Order & Acknowledgement**

**1.3. Attendees**

**1.4. Approval of September 23, 2021 Minutes**

Amended to include "District Staff" to Bruce Cunnings' name

Moved by Anne Whitmore, Second by Laura Kwong, **CARRIED**

**1.5. Adoption of Agenda**

Moved by Cyrus Sy, Second by Anne Whitmore, **CARRIED**

**1.6. Chair Report: Kathleen**

Thank you to all parents for continuing to share your thoughts and concerns with the DPAC executive, and to the School District Staff and the SD40 SB Trustees for working together for the betterment of education for all of our children.

Although we may share different opinions, we are respectful and appreciative of being in a community that has a great working relationship at all levels and will continue to work together with mutual respect for all. It is best for parents to be proactive; sharing your views

before District wide and School wide decisions are made as these all take a lot of consultation and time to implement.

We appreciate and respect the opinions of all people, we acknowledge all PAC and DPAC members are volunteers working to continue to provide a safe, happy and wonderful educational experience for all children.

**1.7. Treasurer's Report - Renee Mosi**

- We received gaming grant for \$2500
- DPAC provides funding for any up to \$250 per school for educational speakers, workshops

**1.8. Guest Speaker - Graeme Patridge-David, Family Smart**

- Family Smart provides resources for families with children with mental health challenges & supports families when they need it the most
- Free service, no waiting lists
- Helps to break the isolation, and provide relief of knowing that there are other parents going through the same thing
- For more information contact Graeme at:  
graeme.partridge-david@familysmart.ca

**1.9. Superintendent Report - District Update - Karim Hachlaf**

- Update on Implementation of Staff Vaccine mandate
  - Board has passed a recommendation to wait for framework from the province on implementing vaccine mandate
  - Board has recommended that a special meeting will be held on vaccine mandate
  - Next board meeting package will have a copy of the new data presentation from PHO
  - Fraser Health had 2,009 cases with school-age students - 1% of total student population, primary transmission has been student to student rather than staff.
    - Situation Report from PHO:  
[http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SitRep\\_K-12\\_October\\_2021.pdf](http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SitRep_K-12_October_2021.pdf)
  - Additional depth and detail will be provided at next SB meeting
- Equity and Anti-Racism Plan Update
  - Data and draft is not quite ready, but the goal is to share results by November board meeting.
- Expansion of Childcare - Seamless Kindergarten
  - District has volunteered to be a pilot at Qayqayt that allows before and after school childcare with Kindergarten
  - Will employ two early childhood educators

**1.10. School Board Trustee Update - Gurveen Dhaliwhal**

- NWSS and Welcome Centre grand opening
- Wellness Centre will be opening up later this fall to support mental health & wellness for families across the district, include many service providers
- Skwo:Wech replacement is coming along and board members got a tour

- Queen Elizabeth Expansion is somewhat beginning, site prep and design work is starting
- Board passed the Long-Range Facilities Plan. Much is in the Enrollment projection plan: Fraser River Zone (Elementary, Middle), Land Acquisition
- Day-Time custodians have been extended to the end of the school year

**1.11. PNO Report- Kathleen**

The last event with Kristin Burr who spoke about helping children and youth manage stress and anxiety was very successful; slides and contact will be posted to New West Schools website.

**Old Business**

**1.12. Bus Transportation**

**Motion: DPAC to write a letter to local MLAs Aman Singh (Richmond-Queensborough) and Jennifer Whiteside (New Westminster) requesting funding for dedicated bus transportation between Queensborough and New Westminster Secondary as promised during the 2020 Election Campaign.**

Moved: Cyrus Sy      Second: Doug Herasymuik (FW Howay) ; CARRIED

**1.13. Update on COVID Safety Measures**

<http://nwdpac.ca/2021/09/27/new-west-dpac-supports-call-for-increased-covid-19-safety-measures/>

**New Business**

**1.14. BCCPAC Leadership Conference**

- Next DPAC Summit to be held on November 19
- <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences/dpac-summit>

**1.15. Capital Projects**

**Motion: DPAC to write a letter to MLA Jennifer Whiteside (New Westminster), and Ministry of Education in support of the District Capital Plan submission for 2022-23.**

Moved: Cyrus Sy; Seconded: Doug Herasymuik , CARRIED

**1.16. Opportunities for Engagement**

- Closing date for survey is October 30, 2021
- Fill out survey form only once
- Attend General Board Meetings
  - General Board meetings 3rd Tuesday of Month
  - Operations & Education meetings every 2nd Tuesday of month
  - Go to [newwestschools.ca](http://newwestschools.ca) for agenda/minutes.

**Adjournment:** 8:30 pm, Moved by Charmaine Urbano

**Next Meeting -** November 19, 2021, 7pm

**At:** Virtual Zoom

