

## New Westminster DPAC

School District 40

**Date:** January 20, 2022

**Location:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Time:** 7-9 pm

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

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

**Guests:** Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent), Jonathan Cote (Mayor, City of New West), Kyle Rosenke (Translink), Andrea Sinclair (BCCPAC)

**Parents/Guardians (via Zoom):** Danielle Connelly (NWSS, Trustee), Maya Russell (EGMS, Trustee), Mal Swinburne (Queensborough Middle School), Flasko Jennifer (Ecole Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary), Larisa Ciprian (Skowetch Elementary), Charmaine Urbano (Fraser River Middle School), Tabitha Guichon (Queen Elizabeth Elementary), B Murdoch (NWSS), Michelle Kennedy (Q), Nora I (Q), Allie Michalak (F.W. Howay Community School), Grace Steyn (Q), Sue Kenny (QEE), Katie MacPherson (ELT), Colin Magor (ELT), Jen Knight (SK), Karmen Scott Lisaingo (SK), Marti Longstaff (Herbert Spencer Elementary), Teresa Watson (FRMS), Chriseli Mitchell (FWH), Winnie chau (FRMS & Q)

**Regrets:** None.

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

### 1.1. Welcome

### 1.2. Call to Order & Acknowledgement

### 1.3. Attendees

### 1.4. Approval of November 18, 2021 Minutes

Moved by Marti, Second by Laura, **CARRIED**

### 1.5. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Laura, Second by Marti, **CARRIED**

### 1.6. Chair Report: Kathleen

Happy New Year, thank you for taking time to be here. Thank you to Karim Hachlaf for COVID Q&A session. Answers will be posted on the website by the end of the week.

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

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

### 1.8. Guest Speakers- 7:15 - 7:40pm

- Mayor Jonathan Cote and Kyle Rosenke: Public Transit

- **Queensborough** - has been an issue for a very long time. September 2022, AM and PM bell time needed by Translink in May. Service will be increased to every 15min during the stop and start. Dedicated bus has not met criteria. Existing bus route on 8th is supposed to be added to Frequency. The Provincial Government has promised funding for QB. MLA Singh expects to make progress by next school year. Unclear if it would involve Translink or not.
- **WestEnd and Fraser Middle School - Diagonal connection is not ideal.** ■ Quayside Connection to Residents - A good shuttle bus exists and is utilized. Would like to understand what issues or feedback.
- Bell times can change and sometimes Translink doesn't know. District should let Translink know about the times by May
- kyle.rosenke@translink.ca - 604-603-8282
- Queenborough Bus

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

- Discover New West Schools sessions - recordings are posted on the district website
- Home Learners info night is on the 27th - info on district website ■ Registration Deadline for 2022-23 - Jan 28th is the deadline for registration. Early French Immersion, Montessori opened on 17th and will close at 4pm on Feb 11th.
- Clarification on COVID guidelines. This will be posted on NW schools website and via.

#### **1.10. School Board Trustee Update - Mark Gifford / Maya Russell**

- Maya Russell
  - Priority is to keep schools open and keep them as safe possible
  - Other priority is to keep up with school growth; Focus on Fraser River Elementary + Middle Expansion, and QE expansion
  - Childcare for Working families - provincial child-care program has helped a lot

#### **PNO Report- Kathleen**

- Feb 3, 6:30-8:00 Creating a Positive Relationship with Food and Movement

#### **Special Presentation - 8:00-8:30pm**

- **Andrea Sinclair, BCCPAC President: PAC 101**
- Your parent representation is a stakeholder
- BCCPAC is the only provincial representation for parents
- School Act is really important - covers EVERYTHING
- most important is rights and responsibilities
- DPACs in the school are the official representative body of parents/guardians ■ DPACs and PACs are NOT required to fundraise - but most PACs choose (feel obligated) to do so
- Encourage parent involvement in the school, and to support programs that promote parent involvement.

- PACs and DPACs are NOT required to register as a non-profit or under the BC societies act.
- Constitution & Bylaw is a living document and should be updated (eg. e-mail voting and virtual meetings)
- Constitution states why an org exist
- Bylaws are an organization's operating rules
- Communications with Transparency
- Can't email parents directly unless they give permission to be contacted. Schools cannot provide email addresses to the PACs
- Engagement is anything and everything, big and small
- Think about succession planning

### 1.13. School Reports

#### NWSS

- provincial exams were cancelled
- scholarship meeting was held
- new COVID safety measures, staggered lunch

#### FRMS

- ski & snowboard club is active
- continue advocating for transportation

#### EGMS

- Had a meeting this past week
- Moving into the busy time of the year
- Chocolate Fundraisers, School Store, Fun Lunches
- Spring Raffle timed around Easter
- COVID measures

Connaught Heights - no report

Queen Elizabeth Elementary (Tabitha Guichon)

- Beehive at school, great education, will share info if wanted

Lord Tweedsmuir (Colin Magor) - no report

Qaqyat (Michelle K)

- Read-a thon-Fundraiser - raising money without direct parent fundraising
- Sent out a parent survey
- Online - MindGrowth Education, they take 15% of the raised funds but all we do is provide class lists and send out the promo info. Super low effort for PACs to run!

Herbert Spencer (Marti)

- very active PAC, but interest is starting to go down a bit - still trying

Skwo-Wech (Larisa)

- Purdy's fundraiser was still good \$1,700
- Interested in spring raffle
- Appreciates the updates and non-covid topics!

Home Park Home Learners

- Beekeeping and Skin Cosmetic Program - Aggie
- Yearly Camp for Families in Sasamat
- Food Rescue Program

**1.1. Letter request for information on how needs-based model in child youth and special needs will affect education**

- [Link to letter](#)

**1.14. Availability of Rapid Tests**

- No quorum to take a position. Agreed that Exec will inquire at district meeting for more information on this topic.

**1.15. Ventilation Reporting**

- No quorum to take a position. Agreed that we will inquire at the district meeting for more information on this topic.

**Adjournment:** 10:07 pm, Moved by Anne Whitmore

**Next Meeting** - February 17, 2021, 7pm

**At:** Virtual Zoom

