

**Date:** April 21, 2022

**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)

**Guests:** Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent), Mary Lalji (Trustee), Danielle Connelly (Trustee, NWSS)

**Parents/Guardians (via Zoom):** Zena Al Khayyoon (EGMS), Michelle Kennedy (Qayqayt), Larisa Ciprian (skwo:wech), Charmaine Urbano (FRMS), Martinique Longstaff (Herbert Spencer), Colin Magor (Lord Tweedsmuir), Grace Steyn (Qayqayt)

**Regrets:** None.

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Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

### Standing Items

- 1.1. **Welcome**
- 1.2. **Call to Order & Acknowledgement**
- 1.3. **Attendees**
- 1.4. **Approval February 17, 2022 Minutes**  
Moved by Marti, Second by Renee, **CARRIED**
- 1.5. **Adoption of Agenda**  
Moved by Laura, Second by Marti, **CARRIED**
- 1.6. **Chair Report: Kathleen**
  - i. Deadline for AGM and Conference is tonight
  - ii. Appreciation to all for being here tonight
- 1.7. **Treasurer's Report - Renee Mosi**
  - i. Operating balance \$5,368. Gaming balance is \$3,446
  - ii. We are still accepting invoices for any parent education events. Please forward to the DPAC chair. Each PAC will have up to \$250
- 1.8. **Superintendent Report - District Update - Karim Hachlaf**
  - i. MoE has let us know that we may have support for QB transportation, but that details are still forthcoming
  - ii. Surplus chromebooks will be deployed as backups to the schools - will be replaced over time with new chromebooks and iPads
  - iii. Cuts to programs are not planned for upcoming budget
  - iv. Anti-Racism Training Program Development has started
  - v. Wellness Centre opening is on May 14 from 1-3pm
- 1.9. **School Board Trustee Update - Danielle Connelly**

- i. Budget consultation continuing including Student Voice
- ii. Key Areas: Reducing barriers, response and recovery, climate action, environment education, technology refresh
- iii. Budget survey is still live
- iv. Base budget deficit for \$1M; no new funding from the province for portables, mental health, pandemic recovery
- v. We are in a better position than other districts
- vi. Approved for minor projects including HVAC upgrade at EGMS, 4 portables at QEE and Lord Kelvin, Fraser River and Qayqayt
- vii. Given the go ahead to submit a proposal for a new downtown school
- viii. Lead in water test results: four locations tested and all the results were below thresholds: Connaught, FRMS, Qayqayt and Board Office
- ix. No talk of cuts or programs being cut; looking at some other operational efficiencies to reduce impact on surplus
- x. Budget feedback will be presented at May 10 operations meeting; Board will approve at the May 24 meeting

**1.10. PNO Report**

- i. See wellness Event calendar on school district site
- ii. Next event will focus on SOGI on May 5th
- iii. May 14th opening of Wellness centre

**1.11. School Reports**

- i. **Fraser River Middle School - Charmaine**
  - Division 7&10 Entrepreneurial fair, Spring sports
  - May 11 Talent show that will be live and virtual - open only to school
- ii. **EGMS - Cyrus**
  - Starting to become a bit more normal; lockers
  - Fun Lunch on May 18th, Spring Fundraiser Raffle
  - Planning an end of year Root-Beer Float for kids
  - Entrepreneurial Fair - All Grades/Any Market
  - Dare to Care, an organization that offers presentations and workshops on anti-bullying, was presented to Grade 6 and 7 students on Tuesday, March 29th. The presentation addresses the damage that bullying, cliques, peer pressure, racism, and oppression can cause in individuals and communities.
- iii. **New Westminster Secondary School - Renee**
  - Provincial Exam mode
  - Track & field team is up and running
  - Grad preparation and event
  - May 27th - Jazz Night Fundraiser for Music Program; cafeteria program will be providing food for event
  - New Theatre can now have full capacity of 250 for in person events and will be used for band events
- iv. **Skwo:Wech Elementary - Larisa**
  - Moved into new school without any major issues

- Custom Art by Jackie to do welcome signs (thank you to the HS PAC for the contact information)
- PAC purchased a big new aquarium for the entrance area
- Gym is not ready (1-2 weeks away to completion)
- v. **Qayqayt Elementary - Michelle**
  - Had Saleema noon talk
  - Grade 5 Event in planning stage / Difficulty in getting school buses
  - Will be planning parent education speakers and will reach out to Kathleen
  - Treat Tuesdays will continue
- vi. **Herbert Spencer Elementary - Marti**
  - Grad Event - Maple Ridge Play Centre
  - June 4th Carnival - 2 time slots only open to parents
  - Kids are getting class pictures
  - Mother's Day event
  - Moved to in-person PAC meetings
- vii. **Lord Tweedsmuir Elementary- Colin**
  - Focussed on planning, upcoming election and bringing in new members
  - Reviewed school food guidelines
  - Looking for better understanding on proxy voting
  - Planning to use sandwich board to share information to other parents

## Old Business

### 1.12. Resolution Update

- i. We reviewed BCCPAC resolutions for submission at BCCPAC
  - Restricting the sale of bottled water in BC schools
  - Safe Drinking Water in Public Schools
  - Change to the BC Area Standards Document
  - Change to the Provincial School Bus Funding Model

## New Business

### 2.1. Resolutions

- i. Reviewed each of the 14 resolutions in the April 14 AGM Booklet
  - <https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/AGM/2022-AGM-Booklet.pdf>
- ii. All PACS were unanimously in favor of all resolutions

### 2.2. School Food Guidelines

- i. Qayqayt survey did not show overwhelming support for the new guidelines.
- ii. There were concerns on effect on Fuel-Up program, poverty and equity,
- iii. All members are encouraged to fill out survey and write letters to MLA

**Adjournment:** Charmaine, 9:51

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

**At:** Virtual Zoom