

**Date:** June 16, 2022

**Location:** Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Time:** 7-9 pm

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**Chair:** Laura Kwong (MAL, Ecole Qayqayt Elementary)

**Minute Takers:** Cyrus Sy (Secretary, EGMS)

**Executive:** Renee Mosi (Treasurer, New Westminster Secondary School), **Guests:** Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent), Gurveen Dhaliwal (School Board Trustee), Danielle Connelly (School Board Trustee)

**Parents/Guardians (via Zoom):** Larisa Ciprian (Skwo:wech), Charmaine Urbano (Fraser River Middle School), Kira Tomsons (Ecole Qayqayt Elementary), Doug Herasymuik (F.W. Howay Elementary), Winnie Chau (FRMS, Ecole Qayqayt), Kathleen Carlsen (EGMS)

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Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

#### Standing Items

- **Welcome**
- **Call to Order & Territory Acknowledgement**
- **Attendees**
- **Approval of May 19, 2022 General Meeting Minutes**  
Moved by Doug, Second by Kathleen, **CARRIED**
- **Approval of Agenda**  
Moved by Kathleen, Second by Doug, **CARRIED**
- **Chair Report: Laura Kwong**
  - New DPAC chair with two kids attending Qayqat and a 3rd attending in Sept 2024
  - Important correction: Executive terms for DPAC run from end of an AGM to the beginning of the next AGM, not run from July 1st - June 30 as stated in the last meeting.
  - Thank you to returning roles: Renee Mosi (Treasurer), Cyrus Sy (secretary)
  - Thank you to Sue Kenny as a new member.
  - Vice Chair and Second Member at Large is vacant. New execs may be voted to a vacant role at any of our upcoming meetings.
  - Thank you to all outgoing members: Chelle Ostlund and Anne Whitmore
  - Thank you to all DPAC reps for attending monthly meetings
  - DPAC attending interviews for candidates for principal positions that may become available.
  - It is unusual for stakeholders like DPAC to be included in the interview process.
  - Thank you to Kathleen Carlsen, our outgoing chair.

#### **Past Chair Report: Kathleen Carlsen**

- Learned from previous DPAC exec members who provided much inspiration
- DPAC has a voice and its imperative that parents and student voices are heard.
- Proud of improved communications: new DPAC chair e-mail address, twitter and facebook account.
- Thankful for all the parent relationships, being included at school board meetings; how our small team could bring forward so many issue to BCCPAC and local government.
- Thank you to Superintendent Hachlaf

#### **Treasurer's Report - Renee Mosi**

- Completed refunds for Qayqat, Howay and NWSS for parent education events.
- Balance in gaming account is \$3,371.38
- Some additional funds will be used to pay for zoom account which is still outstanding. After cheques for Grade 12 NWSS scholarships are cashed balance will be \$3,368.83.
- 2022-23 budget will be presented next week at the award ceremony.
- The balance in checking account is \$5,003.86
- This will be Rene's last year for Treasurer's position.
- If you are interested in running for the role please reach out to DPAC Chair
- With the election of the new executive at the May AGM, Kathleen Carlsen will no longer have signing authority. Laura Kwong (Chair) will become a new signee. Cyrus Sy (Secretary) and Renee Mosi (Treasurer) will retain signing authority.

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

- Thank you to Kathleen as past chair. Congratulations to new DPAC
- A year end letter will be sent out before end of June
- Look ahead
  - Aggresively pursuing Fraser River capital plan
  - We have a short term crunch over 3-5 years to manage base constraints without the new schools
  - Short term strategy must not be haphazard but must be thoughtful to recognize play space
  - Focus on before and after school childcare
- Summer Programs
  - Letter received from a parent with student who has diverse needs but also requires EA support
  - Parent was incorrectly told that EA support was not available.
  - This is not acceptable and not aligned with core values for inclusive learning
  - Bruce Cunnings has been directed will ensure appropriate supports

- **School Board Trustee Update - Gurveen Dhaliwhal**
  - Focus on site acquisition \$60M for 5 year capital plan
  - Received green light for elementary school in fraser river zone
  - Requested \$30M for fraster river zone, \$10M for PCAP, \$20M for a QMS expansion, As for \$1 for Hume Park expansion
  - Second round of 5-year plan includes \$147M: \$65M for Fraser River moddle school, QMS expansion \$39M, and Hume Park Elemetary \$39M, included a Seismic Request \$509K for Hume Park
  - Queen Elisabeth expansion planning in works
  - There are some complexities in building due to floodplain, but not unexpected
  - District was also approved for expanded Seamless childcare in Qayqyat.
  - Will introduce new program Just Before in QMS for pre-kindergarten
  - Met in person for first time at NWSS
  
- **PNO Report- Kathleen**
  - Wellness centre had a number of new programs for identity, mental health, substance use, and much more.
  
- **School Reports**
  - **FW Howay - Doug**
    - Election was run and have a full executive
    - Field trip for Div 1/2 for Otter Experience
    - Just had run-athon.
    - Planning to return to in-person
  - **Skwo:Wech Elementary - Larisa**
    - Big thank you to Kathleen
    - Had very well organized school grand opening at Skwo:wech; student leaders gave tours, PAC chair presentation
    - First in-person meeting next week, and hope to recruit new parents
    - Grade 5 picnic will be held tomorrow
  - **Qayqayt Elementary - Kira**
    - Sports day & hot dog lunch, Various field trips
    - Staff appreciation lunch
    - Funded purchase of street hockey equipment
    - Planned a PAC cafe and open house & BBQ in early september
  - **Fraser River Middle School - Charmaine**
    - Last meeting on June 6th with 5 executives attend; not sure will continue with in-person; may do newsletter
    - PAC BBQ to help with recruiting, starting a breakfast program in Fall
    - Sports day on the 27th
  - **EGMS - Cyrus**

- Grade 8 grad event just happened month - it's an outdoor event with different stations: bocce, badminton, lawn bowling, DJ - music area, arcade on wheels, photo booth, eating area, quiet area - should be lots of fun
- Grade 8 leaving ceremony will be held on June 28th will be in-person and also live-streamed so relatives and friends can watch as well
- Staff appreciation lunch
- Lots of field trips taking place in June, PAC is able to help support these
- Entrepreneurial Fair happened on June 7th -
- Outdoor events were very popular especially bouncy castle

### Old Business

- **MCFD Child and Youth With Support Needs Framework - Survey**
  - Reminder to fill out survey, that is still open until Sept 9th
  - <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/support-needs-engagement/>

### New Business

- **October 2022- All Candidates Meeting Planning**
  - Call for volunteers to help with logistics and planning
  - Planned for 1st week of October
  - Sent request for High School theatre

### No Correspondence

**Adjournment:** 8:03 by Kathleen

**Next Meeting -** September 22, 2022

**At:** Virtual Zoom