# **New Westminster DPAC**

School District 40

Date: November 17, 2022

Location: Skwo:wech/Zoom Virtual Meeting

**Time:** 7-9 pm

# **GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

Minute Taker: Cyrus Sy (Secretary, NWSS)

**Executive:** Sue Kenny (Queen Elizabeth Elementary)

Guests: Maureen McRae-Stanger (School District), Gurveen Dhaliwhal (Chair, School Board), Chris

Schultz-Lorentzen (BCCPAC), Melanie Smith (School District), Karim Hachlaf

(Superintendent)

Parents/Guardians (via Zoom): JC Valeros (Qayqayt), Michelle Kennedy (Qayqayt), Larisa Ciprian

(Skwo:wech), Katja Solomon (Fraser River Middle School), Krista Macaulay (Lord Tweedsmuir), Kathleen Carlsen (NWSS), Lara Jansen (Herbert Spencer), Heather Kamitakahara (Connaught Heights), Doug Herasymuik (FW Howay), Kaitlyn Richards

(Queen Elizabeth Elementary)

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Time	Item	Owner
7:06	Welcome, Call to Order & Territory Acknowledgement, Attendance	
	Approval of Agenda MOTION TO APPROVE: Doug, SECOND by Katja (FRMS), CARRIED	
	Approval of October 20 Meeting Minutes  • Minutes will be approved at next meeting.	

# 7:10 **Standing Reports** Laura (for Treasurer's Report • DPAC has received gaming grant for \$2,500 as expected Renee) Reminder to PACs that DPAC can reach out to DPAC to help with costs of any parent education seminars. Chair Report (Laura) • Thank you to Superintendent Hachlaf and Communications Manager Kristen Keighly-Wight for their help in reviewing the Laura survey and providing technical feedback o Survey is still open, but concerns around student safety and mental health are clear trends in the responses o Attended Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting to speak regarding removal of childcare from Qayqyat and FRMS and seeking a response from District staff on rationale DPAC appreciates the response from Secretary Treasurer during the Nov 8<sup>th</sup> Operations Planning and Policy Committee on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. o DPAC is attending the BCCPAC summit and looks forward to learning and the chance to connect with other DPACs around the province on issues like capacity crisis. Superintendent Update • Ongoing collaboration with DPAC is appreciated, including one-on-one meetings. Discover New West Schools event on Jan 10 will showcase array of choice and specialty programs in the district • Other meetings will follow for specific programs like Montessori, French Immersion, etc. • Looking forward to seeing the results of the DPAC survey. • School safety is an ongoing conversation with staff, parents and students. • Principal MacLeod will be having more dialog with students re: code of conduct • Additional supervision staff has also been added in the school • Further communication will be sent to parents, and an effort made to engage with students. • Question that "more conversation with parents won't help" -Answer: We need to help shape the conversation. We have

not exhausted the opportunity to engage with students. There

bathrooms has been a topic across other schools, and districts. Question re: surveillance techniques – Surveillance will comply with existing district policy (No. 181), and will comply with the

will be a focus on surveillance as a part of the strategy.
Question re: "Is the layout of the school an issue" - Similar experiences are being seen in different districts, and

	School Act and Freedom of Information and Privacy Act	
• Schoo	ol Board Trustee Update - Gurveen Dhaliwhal	
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	to speed on current issues	
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	opportunity to learn and get to know other boards across the	
0	province.  Looking forward to a meeting scheduled with DPAC in	
	December	
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	of crisis and panic.	
0	Decision made to relocate child care spaces to open up two	
	new classrooms for next year.	
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	childcare	
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	January/Feb engagement with public, and Final report by April 25 <sup>th</sup>	
0	Question re: Will there be an increase in infant/toddler space	
	at Howay? - Yes, it will increase in 2024. Additional funding has	
	been secured from the Ministry. This will be a modular	
	building with a 15-year commitment to maintaining the child	
	care spaces	
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	it will be relocated because of new construction, and it will be closed by March 2024. NLC and daycare spaces would be	
	converted to classroom space by Sept 2024.	
	converted to classroom space by Sept 2024.	
Guest Presen	tation - BCCPAC Working Together For PACs	Chris
		Schultz
• Chris'	s presentation "Working Together for PACs" was a detailed	Lorentzen
overv	iew of the role of PAC, DPACs, and BCCPAC in the education	
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<ul> <li>Copy</li> </ul>	of the presentation is located here:	
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ether	-DRAFT-SD40-DPAC.pdf	
Guest Presentation - Wellness Center		
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	nie provided an overview of the Wellness Center and the overall ic approach to physical and mental health.	
	omplete presentation can be found here:	
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<ul> <li>http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/DPAC-wellness-centr</li> </ul>	
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Guest Speaker - New Student Reporting Guidelines	Maureen
Maureen provided an update on the New Student Reporting  Octivations	McRae-St
Guidelines  • Link to Presentation:	anger
http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-2023-Report-Card-Information-for-Parents-Guardians-Communicating-Student-Learnin	
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Correspondence	
• None	
School Reports	
Qaqyat (JC)	
<ul> <li>Hosted first Stay Safe Home Alone Course, partnered with First</li> </ul>	
Aid Hero	
<ul> <li>Sign-ups for the course closed within a week due to popular</li> </ul>	
demand	
<ul> <li>Open to Grade 3-5 families, and was subsidized by PACs</li> </ul>	
Would like to know if other schools interested in a	
district-wide event to help foster collaboration and community	
among parents - idea for a district wide event in 2023-24	
school year, perhaps at a city park	
Herbert Spencer (Lara)	
Halloween Howl was awesome.	
Christmas Craft Fair is open to the public     Track Lighting on December 1st	
Tree Lighting on December 1st.  Winter Cropper Fundation from Crowing Smiles	
<ul> <li>Winter Greenery Fundraiser from Growing Smiles</li> <li>Fraser River Middle School (Katja)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Attempting Growing Smiles Fundraiser</li> <li>Spirit Wear and Coffee Fundraiser</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Spirit Wear and Conee Fundraiser</li> <li>School is developing a new logo led by an Indigenous artist</li> </ul>	
Howay (Doug)	
<ul> <li>Growing Smiles Fundraiser continues to be very popular and</li> </ul>	
people impressed with quality of plants	
Pancake breakfast planned for last day of school	
<ul> <li>Looking to schedule a dance</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Due to small size of school, fundraising efforts are relatively</li> </ul>	
small – always looking for ideas and partnerships to help	
address some of the costs that are higher relative to a bigger	
school	
Lord Tweedsmuir (Krista)	
Maureen McRae-Stanger gave a presentation to PAC on	

- Student Reporting
- Constructions has wrapped up
- Growing Smiles and Coffee fundraiser
- Entrepreneurial Fair on December 9 and open to public
- Connaught Heights (Heather)
  - Pie Hole Fundraiser has been successful in raising money last vear
  - Planning Winter Fair on Dec 2nd
  - Hour of Code Event on Dec 5th (Global Movement is one hour introduction to computer science)
- Skwo:Wech Elementary (Larisa)
  - Started Read-a-Thon this year. This year is online instead of paper-based, so it's easier to administer.
  - Reward is based on the most minutes read, not on the most money raised.
  - Have not seen a lot of uptake yet, but good to try a new platform.
  - Over \$1000 has already been raised.
  - Looking at doing Purdy's instead of Newfeld fundraiser.
- NWSS (Cyrus)
  - Unlocking Your Future Seminar
  - Finished Spiritwear fundraiser
  - Working through PAC Grant Process 60+ clubs and organizations. From Yearbook, Athletics, Reconciliation Committee, to Jewellery Club. Spent two nights.
  - This year we had over \$100K requested, but with our gaming grant money, we can only fund less than 50% so we have to carefully review each.
  - Dry Grad Pizza Fundraiser November 24, 2022; If you go they will generate 20% to NWSS Grads 2023.
  - Inclusive Education Fundraiser Poinsettia, wreaths and planters. nwss.growingsmilesfundraising.com

### **Old Business**

- DPAC is continuing to advocate for bus transportation. Parents are encouraged to send letters of support.
- DPAC Parent and Caregiver Survey is open until Nov 25th. 500+ responses were received from across all schools. Encourage PACs to share survey with their members
- Major themes: student safety, and mental health, especially with NWSS and Middle schools. Will compile to results and share out results with
- Capacity and Overcrowing Subcommittee We are reaching out to other DPACs including VanDPAC to advocate for development-based capacity planning. Participation in sub-committee is open to any PAC member, not just the executive.

# New Business MOTION: Appoint Kathleen Carlsen as DPAC Vice-Chair position (currently vacant). Moved: Laura Seconded: Doug CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY Walking School Bus Two models: Paid leaders and Volunteer-based Translink has sourced a new delivery partner for a walking school bus program (yet unnamed). Exploring the possibility of cost-sharing with City of New West as part of Active Transportation initiatives If there is any interest from other schools to use the program and set up a pilot route, reach out to the DPAC chair. Adjournment: 9:29 by Larisa, and Kathleeen Next Meeting: January 19, 2023 At: Zoom, Physical Location TBD