

## 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)

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Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm

Time	Item	Owner
7:06	Welcome, Call to Order & Territory Acknowledgement, Attendance	
	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> MOTION TO APPROVE: Doug, SECOND by Katja (FRMS), <b>CARRIED</b>	
	<b>Approval of October 20 Meeting Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minutes will be approved at next meeting.</li></ul>	



	<p style="text-align: center;">School Act and Freedom of Information and Privacy Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Board Trustee Update - Gurveen Dhaliwhal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New board was sworn in, and new trustees were brought up to speed on current issues</li> <li>○ BCSTA Conference the first week of December is a great opportunity to learn and get to know other boards across the province.</li> <li>○ Looking forward to a meeting scheduled with DPAC in December</li> <li>○ Key area of focus is short-term capacity review.</li> <li>○ Growth has exceeded 2021 projections and leaves us in a state of crisis and panic.</li> <li>○ Decision made to relocate child care spaces to open up two new classrooms for next year.</li> <li>○ Board is engaged with City to explore downtown options for childcare</li> <li>○ Another area of focus is program of choice review – January/Feb engagement with public, and Final report by April 25<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ 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</li> <li>○ Questions re: Will childcare space at FRMS be relocated? - Yes 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Guest Presentation - BCCPAC Working Together For PACs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chris’s presentation “Working Together for PACs” was a detailed overview of the role of PAC, DPACs, and BCCPAC in the education system</li> <li>● Copy of the presentation is located here:  <a href="http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/BCCPAC-Working-Together-DRAFT-SD40-DPAC.pdf">http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/BCCPAC-Working-Together-DRAFT-SD40-DPAC.pdf</a> </li> </ul>	Chris Schultz Lorentzen
	<p><b>Guest Presentation - Wellness Center</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Melanie provided an overview of the Wellness Center and the overall holistic approach to physical and mental health.</li> <li>● The complete presentation can be found here:</li> </ul>	Melanie Smith

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	<p><b>Guest Speaker - New Student Reporting Guidelines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maureen provided an update on the New Student Reporting Guidelines</li> <li>• Link to Presentation:  <a href="http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-2023-Report-Card-Information-for-Parents-Guardians-Communicating-Student-Learning-Reporting-Updates.pdf">http://nwdpac.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022-2023-Report-Card-Information-for-Parents-Guardians-Communicating-Student-Learning-Reporting-Updates.pdf</a> </li> </ul>	Maureen McRae-Stanger
	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>School Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qaayat (JC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hosted first Stay Safe Home Alone Course, partnered with First Aid Hero</li> <li>○ Sign-ups for the course closed within a week due to popular demand</li> <li>○ Open to Grade 3-5 families, and was subsidized by PACs</li> <li>○ 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</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Herbert Spencer (Lara) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Halloween Howl was awesome.</li> <li>○ Christmas Craft Fair is open to the public</li> <li>○ Tree Lighting on December 1st.</li> <li>○ Winter Greenery Fundraiser from Growing Smiles</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Fraser River Middle School (Katja) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attempting Growing Smiles Fundraiser</li> <li>○ Spirit Wear and Coffee Fundraiser</li> <li>○ School is developing a new logo led by an Indigenous artist</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Howay (Doug) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Growing Smiles Fundraiser continues to be very popular and people impressed with quality of plants</li> <li>○ Pancake breakfast planned for last day of school</li> <li>○ Looking to schedule a dance</li> <li>○ Due to small size of school, fundraising efforts are relatively small – always looking for ideas and partnerships to help address some of the costs that are higher relative to a bigger school</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lord Tweedsmuir (Krista) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maureen McRae-Stanger gave a presentation to PAC on</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>Student Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Constructions has wrapped up</li> <li>○ Growing Smiles and Coffee fundraiser</li> <li>○ Entrepreneurial Fair on December 9 and open to public</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Connaught Heights (Heather) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pie Hole Fundraiser has been successful in raising money last year</li> <li>○ Planning Winter Fair on Dec 2nd</li> <li>○ Hour of Code Event on Dec 5th (Global Movement is one hour introduction to computer science)</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Skwo:Wech Elementary (Larisa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Started Read-a-Thon this year. This year is online instead of paper-based, so it's easier to administer.</li> <li>○ Reward is based on the most minutes read, not on the most money raised.</li> <li>○ Have not seen a lot of uptake yet, but good to try a new platform.</li> <li>○ Over \$1000 has already been raised.</li> <li>○ Looking at doing Purdy's instead of Newfeld fundraiser.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● NWSS (Cyrus) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Unlocking Your Future Seminar</li> <li>○ Finished Spiritwear fundraiser</li> <li>○ Working through PAC Grant Process - 60+ clubs and organizations. From Yearbook, Athletics, Reconciliation Committee, to Jewellery Club. Spent two nights.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> <li>○ Dry Grad - Pizza Fundraiser November 24, 2022; If you go they will generate 20% to NWSS Grads 2023.</li> <li>○ Inclusive Education Fundraiser - Poinsettia, wreaths and planters. <a href="http://nwss.growingsmilesfundraising.com">nwss.growingsmilesfundraising.com</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● DPAC is continuing to advocate for bus transportation. Parents are encouraged to send letters of support.</li> <li>● 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</li> <li>● Major themes: student safety, and mental health, especially with NWSS and Middle schools. Will compile to results and share out results with</li> <li>● Capacity and Overcrowding 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.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MOTION: Appoint Kathleen Carlsen as DPAC Vice-Chair position (currently vacant). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Moved: Laura    Seconded: Doug    CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Walking School Bus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Two models: Paid leaders and Volunteer-based</li> <li>○ Translink has sourced a new delivery partner for a walking school bus program (yet unnamed).</li> <li>○ Exploring the possibility of cost-sharing with City of New West as part of Active Transportation initiatives</li> <li>○ If there is any interest from other schools to use the program and set up a pilot route, reach out to the DPAC chair.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Adjournment:</b> 9:29 by Larisa, and Kathleen</p> <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> January 19, 2023</p> <p><b>At:</b> Zoom, Physical Location TBD</p>	