

New Westminster DPAC

School District 40

Date: January 19, 2023

Location: NWSS /Zoom Virtual Meeting

Time: 7-9 pm

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Chair: Laura Kwong (Chair, Ecole Qayqayt Elementary)

Minute Taker: Cyrus Sy (Secretary, NWSS DPAC Rep)

Executive: Kathleen Carlsen (Vice-Chair, NWSS), Cyrus Sy (Secretary, NWSS DPAC Rep)

Regrets: Renee Mosi (Treasurer, NWSS), Sue Kenny (MAL, QMS & QEE)

Guests: Ileana Neilson (School District), Maya Russell (Board Trustee), Karim Hachlaf (Superintendent)

Parents/Guardians (via Zoom): Michelle Kennedy (Qayqayt), Larisa Ciprian (Skwo:wech Elementary), Charmaine Urbano (Fraser River Middle School), Kelly Mooker (Lord Tweedsmuir, DPAC Rep), Lara Jansen (Herbert Spencer Elementary), Heather Kamitakahara (Connaught Heights Elementary, DPAC Rep), Trish Robinson (Ecole Glenbrook Middle), Laura Florescu (NWSS), Shawn Sorensen (Qayqayt), Emmanunuel Kalunga (FRMS), Andre Paiva (FRMS), Lucia Salas Polo (FRMS), Maureen Sales (FRMS), Danihela Mihaljovic (FRMS), Barb Senez (Qayqayt), Allison Clavelle (Qayqayt), Vital Libertad (Qayqayt), Doug Herasymiuk (FW Howay, DPAC Rep), Katerina Sand (Qayqayt),

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Time	Item	Owner
7:06	Welcome, Call to Order & Territory Acknowledgement, Attendance	
	Approval of Agenda MOTION TO APPROVE: Laura, SECOND by Kathleen , CARRIED (9)	
	Approval of October 20 Meeting Minutes MOTION TO APPROVE: Laura , SECOND by Larisa, CARRIED (9)	
	Approval of November 17 Meeting Minutes MOTION TO APPROVE: Laura, SECOND by Michelle, CARRIED (9)	

7:10	<p>Standing Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Report (Laura) - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Minister of Education and Child Care, Rachna Singh was not available. We have asked her office to reschedule. ○ DPAC and the Board met in early December. Goal is to grow a trusting and collaborative relationship. ○ DPAC spoke in support of virtual and hybrid meetings at Dec 13 Board Meeting ○ The Capacity and Overcrowding subcommittee met virtually over zoom. ○ Hosted booth at Discover New West schools even on January 10th. ● Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reminder to PACs that they can reach out to DPAC to help with costs of any parent education seminars. ● Superintendent Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discover New West Schools - 1000 attendees ○ Safety Concerns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Re: Cameras - investigation and purchase have been made. Principal McLeod will be providing a full report at the next NWSS PAC meeting ○ Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. School Tripper bus (128) was added in September. ii. Secretary-Treasurer working with CMBC staff to compile data and volume iii. Board Chair doing an advocacy letter to Aman Singh (by end of next week) to ask for update on busing promise iv. Chair Dhaliwal spoke with Mayor to collaborate on transportation v. West End Schools - District is pleased to support a walking school bus. ○ Speed Zones <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Looking at changing school zone time to 7am-10pm ● School Board Trustee Update - Maya Russell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maya will be our designated ongoing DPAC rep for more consistency ○ Board priorities - capacity planning (classroom expansion at QEMS), a new elementary school in downtown, ○ Program of Choice review - its a full educational review, many opportunities for review ○ Budget Planning process underway ○ Review of meeting format - acknowledge the strong support 	<p>Laura</p> <p>Laura (for Renee)</p>
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	<p>from parents, but it's difficult for board members for building engagement with district staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enrollment Growth pressures ○ FRMS - City greenspace by site will not be affected due to ; capacity request ○ Q) Prioritize space for K-12, and childcare 	
	<p>Guest Presentation - Childcare in SD40</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seamless Daycare expanded this year with 24 spaces, and 4 ECEs ● New program Just B4 preschool program at Queensborough ● StrongStart program (0-5) - these are early learning drop-in programs ● All programs follow BC Early Learning guidelines ● Environmental Scan doing an inventory of licensed and unlicensed programs at schools - due to complete by June 2023 ● YMCA - Child Care Resource & Portal - lists available spots at daycares ● Q) How is district of balancing need for full-day childcare vs. ECE - ● Q) How is the district able to provide required play space (6m2)? - use of share playgrounds ● Q) Is there any plan to expand seamless daycare? ● Q) Is QQ childcare closing? - yes, there is about 16-18 months lead time to close to allow for the construction of the relocated spaces at Tweedsmuir and Howay ● Q) Childcare reduction initiative - will fee reduction apply to child care spaces in before and after school? - ● Answers to some questions linked on nwdpac.ca 	Illeana Neilsen
	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nov 23 Letter to Premiere Eby ● Jan 15 Letter to Board of Education ● Draft Letter to Hon. Rachna Singh 	
	<p>School Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EGMS (Trish Robinson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next meeting on the 25th ○ Fun Lunches ○ Grade 8 fundraising ● Qayqayt (Michelle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Running a readathon in February and has been a very good fundraiser. ○ Starting to plan Spring Event 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Winter wonderland in December ○ School is full to the brim with students, and difficult to plan events due to overcapacity. ○ Succession planning focussed on better defining and communicating what is expected in each role. ○ Daniel from Rhythm Resource was great, but very expensive. ● Herbert Spencer Elementary (Lara) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marc Andres attended our meeting - we were impressed with his commitment to getting to know our school and he managed the hot seat well ● Fraser River Middle School (Charmaine) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pancake breakfast on Feb 22 from 8-9 ○ Raised \$550 for a chocolate fundraiser and benefited the Purpose society. ○ Jordan Euna - Former gang member who now works for schools to help youth remove themselves from negative groups. ○ Discussion around donations - donations go directly to school ● F.W. Howay Elementary (Doug) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pancake breakfast during the last day of school in December ○ Glowing Hearts family dance on Feb 10, with photo booth setup. ○ Looking into Chair of the PAC and succession planning ○ Officially registered for BCCPAC ● Lord Tweedsmuir (Kelly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Morning Breakfast and coffee in September ○ E-Fair in November for Grade 4-5 ○ Bingo Night on Jan 28th and fun Lunches ○ Michelle Tremblay coming to do an anti-bullying presentation. ● Connaught Heights Elementary (Heather) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also trying a readathon starting Jan 30 ○ Funds to do a Rock the Salish Sea and concert - very popular in previous years. Weaves together arts collaboration and environmental respect. ○ Planning a spring carnival ○ Question: Are restaurants allowed to charge tax on PAC fundraising lunches? ● Skwo:Wech Elementary (Larisa) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Read-A-Thon raised \$2920 in 12 days ○ Students logged 33,724 minutes ○ Targeted fundraiser for the library ○ Lots of buy-in when its a targeted fundraiser ○ PACs can register as a charity if willing to put in time and effort ○ Asking if anyone has done a yearbook or book swap ○ FRMS and EGMSboth have yearbook clubs ● NWSS (Cyrus) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fall spirit wear fundraiser raised \$400 and looking to do 	
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	<p>another one in Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed the idea of doing a donate button on school site to direct funds to a specific cause (eg. Scholarship Fund) 	
	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Co-signed Open letter with other DPACs to David Eby - Nov 23, 2022 to put into the mandate letter to the new Minister of Education and CC. Letter is posted on our website. ● Sent a letter to Board of Education re: summary of Dec 5th Meeting ● Drafted a letter to Hon. Rachna Singh to ask for a meeting between the signing DPACs and the Minister as a follow-up to our Nov 23rd letter. <p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Queenborough Bus Transportation to High School and West End Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pleased with update from the district with progress re: 128 school tripper ○ Main challenge is still getting off Queenborough on to the mainland ○ Aman Singh, MLA agreed to attend Feb DPAC meeting; with a focus on transportation. ○ PACs can submit questions by e-mail to DPAC chair by Feb 9th ○ Directing advocacy to Translink is likely going to provide most realistic and quickly realized outcome than focusing on district owned busing or MLA Singh's campaign promise ○ Suggestion to have students record a video of "Day in a Life" of a high school student traveling to the school and missing the bus <p>MOTION: DPAC to write letter to Mayor, Council and CMBC and ask for the consideration of "school tripper or school special runs" routes to be added to any or all of routes 104, 410, and 155.</p> <p>Moved by: Laura K Second by: Kathleen CARRIED (7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Capacity Issues and Overcrowding (Sub-Committee) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4 central issues for BCCPAC advocacy, MOECC, Housing and Municipal Affairs, And Provincial and Municipal Govts ○ General End to use of Portables, Increase in Joint User Agreements for Facilities, Enrollment for Forecasting, Long-Range Facilities Planning (update the school site acquisition charges, and don't reflect the current real estate, and should be updated) ○ Restatement of school lifecycle funding - should go to capital funding requests, vs operation funding 	

	<p>MOTION: DPAC to submit a delegation request to speak at the upcoming City Council meeting on January 30th. DPAC would like to ask the City for a re-evaluation of the approach to long range facilities planning between the City of New Westminster and the Board of Education. Specifically for a greater inclusion of school facilities planning in the OCP and the recognition of schools as community hubs in the OCP.</p> <p>Moved By: LauraK Second By: Trish Robinson CARRIED (7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Surveillance at NWSS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Karim provided an update, cameras have been purchased. ○ Ask NWSS PAC to add this to agenda and verify with Principal McLeon on the location of cameras 	
	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DPAC Parent & Caregiver Survey - Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ http://nwdpac.ca/2023/01/16/2022-23-parent-caregiver-survey/ ● School Zone Speed Limit Times <p>Motion: DPAC to write a letter to the Mayor and City Council of New Westminster in support of extending school speed limit enforcement hours to match that of the City of Burnaby, from 7 am to 10 pm.</p> <p>Moved By: Laura K Second By: Cyrus Sy CARRIED (7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Walker's Caucus and Pedestrian Safety Pilot Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DPAC was asked by the Walkers Caucus to submit a letter in support of their Pedestrian Safety Pilot Project. ○ This project sees first responders coming into grade 2 and 3 classrooms to deliver an interactive and role-play based seminar on pedestrian safety. ○ The walkers caucus has received the support of Lord Kelvin elementary for their pilot project. The walkers caucus is looking for some grant funding for this pilot from Vision Zero. ○ They are an international safety advocacy group whose mission is to help cities achieve zero traffic fatalities per year. There is a BC chapter that provides grant funding for initiatives such as this one. <p>Motion: DPAC writes a letter to the Vision Zero grant funding committee in support of this pilot project.</p> <p>Moved by: Laura K Second By: Kathleen CARRIED (7)</p>	

	Adjournment: 9:29 by Larisa, and Kathleen Next Meeting: February 16, 2023 @ 7pm At: Zoom, Queen Elizabeth Elementary	
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