School District 40

Date: February 15, 2024 Location: Connaught Heights Time: 7-9 pm

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

 Chair: Laura Kwong (Chair, Qayqayt)
 Minute Taker: Cyrus Sy
 Executive Krista Macauly (Treasurer, Lord Tweedsmuir), Cyrus Sy (Member-at-large, NWSS DPAC Rep), Sue Kenny (MAL, QMS & QEE DPAC Rep),
 Guests: Cheryl Sluis (Board of Education), Karim Hachlaf (SD40)
 Parents/Guardians: Heather K (Connaught Heights), Kathleen Carlsen (NWSS), Holly Hobart (Hume Park), Carline Aton (Lord Tweedsmuir), Doug Herasymuik (FW Howay), Sue Kenny (QMS),

Natalie Taha (Herbert Spencer), Shaw Riberdy (FW Howay)

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

Time	Item	Owner
7:04	Welcome, Call to Order & Territory Acknowledgement, Attendance	Laura
	Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes Approval Postponed to April Meeting	Laura
	Adoption of February 15th, 2024 Agenda Amendment to Strike 1.6 Bettina K amendment, add New Business re: Graduation Success rates	Laura
	MOTION TO APPROVE as amended by Laura K SECOND by Doug H CARRIED	

7:30	Board	of Education Update	Cheryl
	•	Community Schools as Hubs - community schools have extended hours,	Sluis
		community service,	
	•	Integrated services and youth connections, and other positive	
		community benefits	
	•	Our schools are generally very well utilized 7am to 3pm, 6pm +	
	•	2023 - 106 programs, 1385 students; Rick Bloudel is constantly reviewing	
		after school programs	
	•	community rentals are booming (new west baseball, scouts,)	
	•	all middle and high schools are used 7 days a week, elementary 6 days	
	•	Welcome center has a community navigator position; strong partnership	
		with Mosaic - 400 hours of programming; continues to grow over time;	
		nurse practitioners that is very well used; wait times have been reduced	
		from 3 weeks down to nil; there a few other providers	
	•	Operations	
		<ul> <li>Queen Elizabeth hosted successful open houses; team will be</li> </ul>	
		submitting permit package	
		• Climate Resiliency - there is less glass (30% less) on the outside	
		and inside for heat factor; AC	
		<ul> <li>New inclusive washrooms modeled against washrooms in</li> </ul>	
		Gibsons	
		• 200 pile driving required; measures in place to minimize	
	•	Daycare at Howay (former Qayqayt location) opening in March	
	•	<ul> <li>Operating Grant</li> <li>\$1.7M grant increase due to enrollment for non-enrolling staff</li> </ul>	
		and more EAs	
		<ul> <li>\$500K deficit due to one-time \$500K cost NWSS cooling project;</li> </ul>	
		by-election and recruitment fees are added	
		• Fuel-Up and Lunch Lady - NW is seen as a leader in province; but	
		concerns around quality is acknowledged	
		<ul> <li># of paid meals is declining; 700 eligible families for subsidies;</li> </ul>	
		\$800K is not sufficient	
		<ul> <li>Purpose of the program is food security and stigma; stigma is</li> </ul>	
		still prevalent	
		<ul> <li>CS asked Rick Bloudel to invite parents for tastings and try to</li> </ul>	
		bring up profile of program	
	•	Advocacy Plan	
		<ul> <li>6 different areas for advocacy; increase basic student funding;</li> </ul>	
		capital funding; capital funding for increased weather; diverse	
		needs and ELL; mental health supports; childcare	
	•	School Generated Funds - ad hoc committee	
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	<ul> <li>Committee has been created; Trustee Sluis and Trustee Connelly will be part on behalf of board;</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Personal reflections: Asking more questions earlier would have</li> </ul>	
	avoided escalated response; Lots of committed parents need to	
	be acknowledged; should have asked questions first	
•	Budget	
	<ul> <li>invitations to partner groups has been sent out; scheduled for</li> </ul>	
	April; survey will be launched April 15	
•	Recruitment for Superintendent	
	<ul> <li>Posting went out and reviewing a number of impressive candidates</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Interviews to happen first 2 weeks of march</li> </ul>	
•	Questions/Comments:	
•	Will QE school have AC? Yes	
•	Will there be a change in Lunch Lady provider? No plan to change.	
•	How was the wait time decreased with Nurse Practitioner? No additional	
	funding for extra hours; more creative scheduling	
•	Is anyone aware of Lovin' Lunch meal prep program? Will share for	
	inspiration to Rick Bloudel	
Superi	ntendent Update	
•	Deeply apologize for the stress and pain caused around AP520	Karim
•	Deficit - we were in a small structural surplus maybe able to offset the	Hachlaf
	deficit; won't be able to receive budget update from province until April	
	(eg. student affordability fund); will receive additional allocation for	
	continuing education	
•	Kindergarten Gradual Entry	
	• Surveys will be send out family day long weekend and will be	
	open for a few weeks	
	<ul> <li>April/May- Director Sandy Singh will provide recommendation</li> <li>Short-Term Capacity Crisis</li> </ul>	
•	• Board will review guiding principles (eg. students should be able	
	to attend their neighborhood schools)	
	<ul> <li>Fraser River and Glenbrooke zone has limited land to put</li> </ul>	
	portables; FRMS has even less space due to new elementary	
	school site	
	• This work must happen soon due to link with budget planning	
	<ul> <li>Operational dollars will be used to add portables to</li> </ul>	
	accommodate extra 345 students next year;	
•	Cell Phone Restriction	
	$\circ$ It's a restriction NOT a band; language will come in the form of a	
1	ministerial order	
	<ul> <li>order will lead to change in Code of Conduct</li> </ul>	

	o La	anguage would be changed to electronic devices vs. cell phone	
	• A	AP 140 was recently updated to add BYOD (contract);	
	CI	ustomized digital agreements for student use	
		Aore consultation with parents expected	
		lan is for implementation by September	
		afer Schools has a course on digital literacy	
	Questions		
	-	Any safety Updates? - looking at school safety action plans;	
		poking at numbers around how students feel safe; action plan	
		or FRMS and QMS; glenbrook and NWSS coming next	
		(indergarten Gradual Entry - is the survey going the public; will	
		be translatable through google docs; but will ask	
		Vhat do you mean about reporting, and does this reporting help	
		n assessment if safety measures are effective?	
		Any changes to the short term plan for NWSS? - portables, 5	
		lock table adds 30% capacity, ongoing work still continuing;	
		ipdates still forthcoming	
		Vhat kind of reporting? ERASE reporting tool; students are	
		ncouraged to use the tool; Melanie Smith and Ken H will share	
	u	pdate on student survey; when a student posts a report on	
	E	RASE; beyond vape detector ;	
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<ul> <li>movie licenses for districts;</li> <li>Doug H: DPAC is under appreciated and not well known enough considering its impact and ability to re</li> <li>Heather K: sharing information and advocacy; help with education funding</li> <li>Natalie T: Childminding would be nice; can DPAC help with childminding during pro-d days; help with movie license;</li> <li>Kathleen C: Catherine Brewer has done great workshops; suggestion to reach out to community recs to put on parent education;</li> <li>Krista M: Treasurer role training; chairperson training</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Anti-Racism Advisory Committee Report</li> <li>3 hour workshop last week; draft of guiding document in progress</li> <li>group is large with staff, district staff, teachers, DPAC</li> <li>no consensus yet on who is the intended audience (teachers, parents, or district?)</li> <li>if guiding document is not meant for parents; then tool on website must be rewritten as its very text heavy and more accessible for those who are new to topic; or for ESL</li> <li>Meeting every month for the year; goal to finish by end of year</li> </ul>	Laura Kwong / Mita Naiker
<ul> <li>School Reports (Quick Wins)</li> <li>NWSS <ul> <li>AP520 - we have struck member</li> <li>submitted feedback to a lot of school-based fundraising accounts</li> <li>looking forward to participating in the ad-hoc committee</li> <li>Fundraisers:</li> <li>PAC Fundraiser 50/50 rafflebox for Grade 12 scholarship fundraising</li> <li>Spiritwear Fundraiser</li> </ul> </li> <li>Howay (DougH) - successful community dance event</li> <li>Qayqat (LauraK) - ran successful readathon with over \$7400+ fundraisers; 50% school participation</li> <li>Tweedsmuir (Carline)- successful movie night</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>CORRESPONDENCE <ul> <li>AP520 ad-hoc committee; 3 spots for DPAC; DPAC exec for 1; elementary and middle school</li> <li>Call out to elementary and middle school parents for volunteer for committee</li> <li>330-5pm - haven't picked a day</li> <li>Budget Consultation Plans <ul> <li>we will have an opportunity to present budget feedback</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>	Laura Kwong

OLD	OLD Business				
	• AP520 Consultation - all PACs should continue to share feedback to DPAC	Laura			
	and we can bring it up to committee	Kwong			
New	Business				
	<ul> <li>BCCPAC Resolutions - working on drafts on a number of topics with SD39, SD73, SD36, SD62</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Laura K will send a list out to the PAC to get feedback (thumbs up or down) on topics DPAC should support</li> </ul>				
	<ul><li>Meeting in Feb</li><li>Diverse Learner Success Rates</li></ul>				
	<ul> <li>SD40 is ranked 37/52 for graduation rate for diverse abilities, and 47th/52 (28%) in difference in graduation rate between diverse and non-diverse ability students</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Neurodiversity celebration week is not recognized in SD40</li> </ul>				
	<b>Motion:</b> that DPAC write a letter to the Board of Education that 1) SD40 formally recognize Neurodiversity Education Week this year (March 18th) and all years going forward and 2) make a plan to address the difference in disparity of graduation rates between ND and non-diverse abilities.				
	Moved By Laura K Second: Natalie S MOTION CARRIED				
Adjo	ournment: 9:05pm				
Next	Next Meeting: April 18th 7pm @ Qayqayt				