

Lord Tweedsmuir Community School Unapproved Meeting Minutes April 19th, 2023

The New Westminster School District recognizes and acknowledges the Qayqayt First Nations, as well as all Coast Salish peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play and we do our work.

Time

7:00 1. Call to Order 7:02

Attendees: Krista M, Kelly M, Enza E, Jen R, Christine V, Rebecca W, Stuart, Norma, Rob M, Kim.

7:04 2. Approval of April 19th 2023 Meeting Agenda

Motion to amend: Topics to add- Classroom Library budget to treasurer report. Kelly motions, Enza approves.

7:05 3. Approval of February 15th, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Kelly motions, and Krista approves.

7:06 4. Reports

Update from Trustee Cheryl Sluis: 7:07 Cheryl begins her responses.

Crosswalk safety concerns: Cheryl requested statistics and research about the area and the board chair brought it to the Mayor. (Johnstone) There are factors to be considered-such as 8th being a safety response route. Some traffic calming measures have been put in place. Idea being pushed forward-is to make the school zone speed applicable from 7am-10pm to match Burnaby.

School board is working on a walking school bus system for the west end. Very early on this project. Cheryl throws to Jen: Jen: we have a number of district liaisons who connect for support. A number of things are already ongoing re traffic conversations. Jen acknowledges the PAC suggested survey. Jen will share the feedback from the city with the PAC via email. Also collaborative training is coming for all the crossing guards in the district. There actually is quite a lot being done-it isn't always visible. IE they have covert vehicles in place at different times.

7:16 Issue of capacity. Middle schools are over capacity. Cheryl: NO fear at this time that we won't have space for students. Numbers are projections-and can fluctuate. We are growing. Portables will be considered if they are needed. Everyone is welcome to refer to the long-range facilities plan. Very good working relationship with the ministry. Simco Elementary is being discussed. Very early stages of a west end middle school. Exploration stage only-not funded at this point.

Transportation: Will the board support school buses? No. The issue is not being prioritized.

Capacity crunch solutions: support from the ministry is a positive step forward. The growth is being noted and planning has been in the works for years. Re-

iterating that the ministry is supportive of the possible west end middle school but not confirmed.

7:21 Building capacity and music teacher, Jen: we had the budget, posting was up multiple times-no appropriate candidate was found. The funding was there. Instead a fine arts ADST position was filled and that has been available to the students. The music room is not lost indefinitely.

7:26 Safety: Cheryl: in the last two budget cycles the board has hired 2 positions to address safety. Jen: a number of initiatives in place re: safety. Charters were initiated in individual classrooms to get students to understand more about the expectations.

7:32 Cheryl thank you for allowing me to come and share what is going on at the board meeting.

7:33 .1 Chair report:

- Parent request for separate PAC email-reminder to send any questions directly to Jen. Please refer to our PAC school website for information.
- Crossing safety update-already discussed with Trustee Cheryl
- Election reminder-coming up in MAY.
- Discussion and motion for increased budget for carnival-Enza-we are as far as we can go with the current budget. Price of food has gone up so much. Enza wants a cushion to be safe-not that the money will necessarily be spent. 8-10K is a common budget for other schools-so our budget seems small. Motion to schedule a special meeting re: Carnival budget. Motion by Krista-seconded by Kelly.

7:42 Question for Jen-in September can we address the teacher group? Jen: yes guidelines are welcome.

- Update on insurance for carnival

7:45 4.2 Treasurer

General account 30,068,67

Gaming: 12,922.92

Paypal 174.39

Wondering if we add Mrs. Bridger to our classroom funding. We could add the music teacher/program as well. Motion to do it. Seconded.

7:51 PAC has been asked to support the bus trip for Gr. 5's. This can be done this year-but may not be possible in the years to come. Motion to approve. Seconded.

7:52 4.3 DPAC Superintendent Karim commented on working with Purpose Society, hoping for more of an update tomorrow. Tomorrow's meeting will cover transportation as well. Discussion re: moving the PAC meeting date to keep it closer to the DPAC meeting.

7:56 4.4 Fundraising: Carnival is on the go. Volunteers are encouraged to sign up.

Prizes are being packaged and auction items are being collected.
Friday April 28th, Growing Smiles will be arriving for pickup.
April 28th Fun Lunch-Pizza

7:58 4.4 Principal: Thanks for all the work by the PAC. Busy time at school: lacrosse program, dance program. Elders coming for moontide reconciliation-sharing ecological knowledge.

Reminder to parents: take some time to take the budget survey. Link is available for a bit longer.

As part of the programs of choice review-we are going to be surveying our Gr. 5 students.

Saleema Noon parent Zoom session is being changed. Moving it to May 3rd. On Zoom at 6:30. Student sessions are the same.

New sports day date: June 23rd

8:03 5. Other Items of Interest/New business

How many kids are in Gr. 5? 55 plus their parents

Gr 5 leaving ceremony June 28th

Discussion about sports day and lunch options.

8:07 6. Adjournment