

# École Qayqayt Elementary School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

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Meeting Date: June 21, 2023

Location: Qayqayt library & virtually via Zoom

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## 2023/2024 Executive

Chair	JC Valeros	Secretary	Laura Kwong
Vice Chair	Theresa Lomas	Treasurer	Shawn Sorensen
DPAC Rep	Melody Gibson	CPF Rep	Melody Liu ( <i>TBC in Sept</i> )
Members at Large	Charlotte Viau, Daniela Laurent, Grace Steyn, Ashlee Reid	Regrets	none

## Invited Guest Attendees

Principal	Suzanne Cameron	Vice Principal	NA
Community Schools	Rick Boudell	SD40 Trustee Rep	Danielle Connelly

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## Call to Order and Welcome | JC Valeros

- Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement
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## Approval of Minutes and Agenda | JC Valeros

- Minutes Motion - Laura
  - Seconded by Shawn CARRIED
  - Introductions
  - Agenda motion - missed
  - Second - missed
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## School District Liaison Report | Trustee Connelly

- Shared a statement from Board Chair regarding Trustee Beattie (from June 20 SD40 Board Meeting, refer to meeting recording for original statement <https://youtu.be/Vc6K3qtmXiU>)
- Third party investigation requested from members of community, Board has taken strongest action possible with call for resignation, no reason to conduct investigation
- Budget update shared at June board meeting, highlights include adding more priority TTOCs, priority EAs, increased VP time for Kelvin, six new lunch relief positions, for mental health one more full time counselor, utilizing CYW for noon hours at NWSS,

frosting at NWSS, new Director of Secondary Programs to support existing admin team at NWSS

- June Ops Committee meeting - recommend reviewing prelim budget document, lots of info about the funds and explanation of budget breakdown
- Update about climate action initiatives in the district, grants allocated (\$1000 ea, \$10k total), staff portal being developed for teacher resources incl media, climate action conference at NWSS held, facilitator position continuing, climate leads at each school continuing, turn down the heat is continuing, gr 8 added to climate action conference, portal will incl prof dev, 2 new courses at NWSS for gr 12 - one is an IB course
- Update on program of choice review, Nancy Brennan conducting, high level emerging themes shared. Next steps - consultant to input results & produce draft report, will be presented to staff then to the Board in Oct.
- Two motions passed at June board meeting:
  - Inclusive Ed Review - looking at what next is to be done on this
  - Assessment times - calling on MCFD to reduce wait times for students requiring psych ed assessments
- Update on child care working group with city - long overdue, but hopeful for progress
- Update on Feeding Futures program - growing the program and we received \$826K (does not include \$150k carry-over from Student and Family Affordability Fund), using this funding to support already in place programming, incl tier 3 supports (gift cards, snacks, breakfast clubs, etc)
- New lunch program provider for district hot lunch program - the Lunch Lady

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### **Community Schools Report | Rick Bloudell**

- After school programs: 23 programs for gr 1-5, next year will offer the project hallway, computer lab programs, plus Red Fox Society programs that moved off-site to Tipperary Park. We might be on the higher end of the number of programs offered compared to others in the district, thanks to Qayqayt admin.
- Hot lunch catering service moving from Simply Foods to Lunch Lady. Have experienced significant growth and based on feedback felt it was time to re-evaluate the catering provider. Communications from the district should have gone out to parents. Info about accounts/subsidies/payment/etc. Hoping for a positive change → good vibes! Very user friendly order system, great references, students really enjoy the food. Healthy, simple, delicious, lots of dietary requirements are accommodated.
- We are looking for feedback on how the program is going, we want to hear what's working or not with this new provider.
- Q - didn't see the email to parents yet. A - there have been two emails crafted, might be waiting a day between schools getting info and when parents get the info.

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### **Principal Report | Suzanne Cameron**

- Kids are excited and looking forward to the end of year, lots of field trips and it feels like "the old days", thank you to the parents who volunteer so that we can do this.
- Today we had a beautiful assembly. I wish everyone could come see, the whole school was singing and a few solos. This was our second assembly this year, looking to do

more next year. Outcomes from this assembly - gathering together feels like coming together as a family. It was lovely to come together as a family to celebrate National Indigenous Peoples Day

- More field trips, Friday is Gr5 farewell ceremony - only parents, join at 9:15 am
  - Last week of school next week will have a final assembly for the students. Thursday early dismissal at 2 pm.
  - Thank you to all the people on the PAC, we couldn't do all the things we're doing if not for the work that you do, I appreciate these efforts - this is above and beyond your day. Thank you on behalf of our students. For some kids, what you do for them is why they come to school every day.
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### **Chair Report | JC Valeros**

- Streams of Dreams thank you
    - Thank you to the parent volunteers, if you have not come to see the salmon please do so! We received a thank you from Mme Senyk for the volunteers who came out to install.
  - Spring Family Event thank you
    - Thank you to the parent volunteers and the exec who helped to execute the event. Our first one post-covid and have had nothing but good feedback so will be planning something again for next year. Thank you for bringing your families
  - Translink update
    - A few months ago we received feedback from parents regarding bus routes in the school community. Any feedback we have about bus routes is best sent to TransLink's feedback form. This request has been passed via Trustee Connelly to the district and they are looking at it.
  - Today is NIPD - check out our FB group, Charlotte has some wonderful resources posted about books that you can share, storytelling, and book recommendations. We'll share them out in our facebook group community.
  - NW Public Library Summer Reading Club
    - Back on this summer, challenges kids from 3-11 to read daily for 15 mins, sign up in person or online, don't need a library card to sign up
    - Medals and prize draw for kids that finish!
  - Diverse and Inclusive Summer Reading Challenge
    - Back on again this summer. Colouring print out with this challenge will be passed out, working on some translations for messaging on the back.
  - Next PAC meeting on Sept 13th at 7 pm. Will be hybrid again.
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### **DPAC Report | Melody Gibson**

- Two DPAC meetings since we last met as a PAC
- Lots of conversation at last meeting about heat in classrooms, the district is working on updated procedures for extreme heat events, external analysis coming to identify where and how the most economical fixes can occur. Not really anything that they can retro-fit into portables.

- Discussion around capacity, speed of growth, schools losing playground space. Talk about a new school at Simco Park with the 5 year deadline. We're going to be dealing with this capacity situation for the next 5 years. At Qayqayt we have 2 classrooms opening because of the daycare opening.
- New Middle school in plans that would divert FRMS kids (future-future plans)
- Discussion on Programs of Choice review.
- Letter from NWTU, CUPE and DPAC regarding heat in classrooms to MOECC.
- Anti-racism advisory committee starting - DPAC has 2 spots, meetings are monthly on Tues 3:30. Any interested parents or caregivers can participate.
- Trustee Connelly comment - the funding was not provided to back this initiative. It's just coming out of our operating budget. Lots of ideas but we're constrained financially.
- Trustee Connelly comment - new staff AP for the new extreme weather procedure to include direction for how to manage heat event and extreme weather in addition to cold/snow. Should be up on the website shortly.
- Mme Cameron comment - we are lucky here, teachers that had prep time offered it to portable teachers, kids ate lunch in the gym, and set up fans, colleagues were very generous with allowing portable classes in their rooms.
- Trustee Connelly comment - NWSS design needs to be rethought for future new school builds

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### **CPF Report | Heather Hansen**

- Nothing to report.

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### **Treasurer Report | Shawn Sorensen**

- Learned a lot very quickly, lots of cheques coming in and out. Getting a handle on gaming vs general accounts
- Gaming account - everything has been reconciled to date, balance is \$6633 with \$3033 still to come out for the last few field trips.
- Sports day receipts coming in, so don't anticipate our gaming account balance reducing much more before the end of the year.
- General account - approx \$4500 balance to carry over for next year. Nothing outstanding, but there was an extra payment to Cheeky Face Painting because they stayed an hour and half extra at the spring family event.
- It's looking tight next year, thinking of some fun ways to raise money together and engage with the community.

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### **Old Business**

- Laura - update on Walking School Bus - fill out the survey, talk to your neighbours, high utilization will make the pilot a success!

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### **New Business**

- none

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### **Open Forum & Questions**

- Comment about Dee Beattie issue - community members disappointed with decision from board to not conduct a third party, external investigation.
- Trustee Connelly - the Board does an annual self evaluation that is facilitated by an outside third party. Would this be sufficient? Trustee Connelly will go back to the board and ask questions for input that are important to the community and what we should be looking at in this evaluation process. There is an existing policy for the Board Self Evaluation. Opportunity to talk with DPAC, what we could incorporate into that.
- Q - Are the results shared publicly? A - not as far as i'm aware. We can discuss with the Board Chair.
- Trustee Connelly - confusion on the Board about the objective of the third party investigation ask. Perhaps that conversation needs to happen between DPAC and the Board Chair.
- Q - regarding Dewey Decimal system removal from the NWSS library, how will it be implemented at Qayqayt to ensure a smooth transition? A from Mme Cameron - NWSS is a pilot and they'll figure out all the kinks there first and roll out to us when it's ready!

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### **Adjournment**

JC motion to adjourn, Theresa seconded. CARRIED

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Next meeting: September 13th 2023 at 7 pm, in-person in the library or virtually over zoom