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DPAC Town Hall

with **Suzanne Hoffman**, Superintendent
& **Carmen Cho**, Board Vice-Chair

Thursday, May 21st 7-9:00pm

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A Virtual Meeting via Zoom

DPAC/VSB Town Hall Questions

Link to recording:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lhFLbgLTE2zjICBjB8vI8LG0AqQCqjM2/view?usp=drivesdk>

Non-Pandemic Questions

1. When will the consultation for the LRFP process begin again so that families can feel included in the process as a critical stakeholder in these important decisions? ([timecode: 9:25](#))
2. The MoU expires in August. Is the board looking to renegotiate portions of it? ([timecode: 10:57](#))
3. Knowing that the budget looks really tight for next year, how is the Board prioritizing what gets worked on from its long list of passed motions? ([timecode: 11:39](#))
4. Will the Board's working plan for 2020/21 be presented next month? ([timecode: 12:35](#))
5. How much input is the Board giving staff to create this year's capital project request submission? ([timecode: 13:18](#))
6. When will the seismic Feasibility Study report for False Creek Elementary be released as well as other such reports? ([timecode: 14:17](#))
7. Is there anything in the current 2020/21 draft budget to enhance the arts in schools? ([timecode: 15:57](#))
8. What is the impact of the change in who qualifies for class size/composition on staffing for next year compared to this year in both elementary and secondary? ([timecode: 16:54](#))

Pandemic Questions

Suzanne talking about VSB prepping for children returning to school ([timecode: 22:45](#))

9. Why was so little time given to respond to the [K-7 return to school parent] survey and why was so little information provided with it? ([timecode: 27:13](#))
10. Why are schools re-opening in June rather than just waiting until September, if then? Given the possibility that kids will have new teachers (if in-person and online teachers will be different) for 3-4 weeks, won't this just create confusion rather than a positive experience? ([timecode: 34:13](#))
11. Minister Fleming stated on May 15 that schools would have a deep clean every day. What does a deep clean entail? Related question: will there be custodial staff on site at every school during the day? ([timecode: 40:04](#))
12. What is the definition of a high touch surface that requires minimum twice a day cleaning? Does this include, for example, technology such as iPads and play-based learning apparatus such as blocks? ([timecode: 42:56](#))
13. Can you clarify the eligibility for a child to attend school if someone in their household has contracted COVID-19 but the child is asymptomatic? ([timecode: 44:37](#))
14. Will administrators, teachers, and staff be asked to wear masks? Does the VSB recommend that students wear masks? What narratives are teachers being asked to provide to children if some are wearing masks and others aren't? ([timecode: 47:04](#))
15. What plans are there for an early return for secondary students? Are there any plans to provide access to hands-on classrooms, e.g., wood shops, robotics labs? ([timecode:49:56](#))
16. What will grade 12 students be getting for their grad fees? Can parents get a full or partial refund? ([timecode: 51:33](#))
17. How will kids whose families choose for them to not return in June continue to be supported? ([timecode: 52:37](#))
18. How will grades be adjudicated this year? ([timecode: 55:42](#))
19. Will some K-7 kids be attending class outside, in secondary schools, or in other community spaces, including leased VSB buildings, or will all in-person instruction take place in its usual places? ([timecode: 59:18](#))
20. What is VSB doing to ensure good ventilation in all classrooms? ([timecode: 1:00:23](#))
21. With ESW childcare transitioning from full day to school day, what is being offered for before/after school care for children of ESWs? ([timecode: 1:02:43](#))

Suzanne: last word ([1:04:22](#))