

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY**

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby was held in the Board Room at 7:07 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Harman Pandher presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of November 25, 2014 be approved, as amended to show that Ron Burton seconded the motion to receive the Youth and Community Services Committee, and that the minutes of the Public Session meeting of December 9, 2014 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement

In accordance with the School Act, Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal submitted to the Board his annual report on student achievement.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Board receive and approve the 2014/2015 Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement.

Carried unanimously.

LINC – Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada

Community & Continuing Education Manager Louise Thorburn provided an overview of the Board's role in providing language instruction to immigrants in our community.

Teacher Joy Matino outlined some of the activities that were designed to assist newcomers practice their language skills such as visits to the bank and the super-market and classroom visits from guest speakers. Student Mei Lan Hsieh outlined her experience with the program and how much she had benefited from the language instruction and the opportunity to make new friends and integrate into Canadian society.

Teacher Patti Castrillon outlined a typical LINC lesson. Student Mostafa Raziel outlined his experience with the program and how much he appreciated the opportunity to improve his English skills and meet students from different countries.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Katrina Chen:

THAT the Superintendent's Report Part 2 be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the letter from the Executive Director, Child and Youth Mental Health Policy, Ministry of Children and Family Development on funding for the F.O.R.C.E. Society for Kids Mental Health be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Board receive and approve the Superintendent's District Operations – Administrative Services Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer