

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

A Public Session meeting of the Burnaby Board of Education was held in the Board Room at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

**Present**

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Gina Niccoli-Moen and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

**Agenda**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Delegation**

Ms Sylvia Gung made a presentation entitled: "Time to come together 'in the middle' for students".

**Good News**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session of January 10, 2012 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Larry Hayes remarked on the number of young people who are interested in teaching jobs in the district. He commented on the tight and competitive teaching job market in the province and said that Burnaby is fortunate to have so many enthusiastic teachers who want to work in Burnaby and contribute to education.

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

*That the Board receive and approve the Board Chair Report, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Transitioning to School – Brandon's Story

University Highlands Elementary School principal Lori Driussi highlighted the work of the Learning Support Services team to create supportive, inclusive, caring communities where all children, specifically those with exceptional learning needs, can reach their full potential. Ms Driussi introduced Karen McKitrick-Twaites and her son, Brandon Twaites, a Kindergarten student at University Highlands. Ms McKitrick-Twaites outlined the challenges faced by Brandon, his transition to school and his experiences of integration and inclusivity. Ms McKitrick-Twaites described the Burnaby School District as an “incubator for innovation and inclusion.

### Customized Employment Project

The district, in partnership with CBI (Communication, Behaviour and Instruction) Consultants and the Burnaby Association for Community Inclusion, has developed a Customized Employment program to support students with special needs in their transition from school to a work environment.

District Principal Deborah Simak and Dr. Paul Malette of CBI Consultants presented the project and shared “Eric's Story” – the story of a Burnaby high school student and his plans and goals for his transition from school to work.

## Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2011-2012

In accordance with the requirements of the School Act, Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli presented his annual report on student achievement providing evidence and measures of student achievement in the areas of literacy, school completion, early learning and aboriginal education, as well as a progress report on children in care.

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

*THAT the Superintendent's Report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

It was moved by James Wang and seconded by Ron Burton:

*THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### Policy Committee Report

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

*THAT the Policy Committee Report be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

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

Carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

### BCSTA AGM: Call for Motions

Trustees were informed of the deadlines for the submission of motions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the BC School Trustees' Association that will be held April 26-29, 2012.

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

THAT the above information be received.

Carried unanimously.

## **Question Period**

Trustees and senior staff responded to questions from the floor.

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Harman Pandher:

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes  
Chair

D. Greg Frank, C.A.  
Secretary-Treasurer