

**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 District Conference Centre at 7:08 pm on Tuesday, January 26, 2015.

**Present**

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

**Agenda**

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

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Delegation**

Dr. Iqbal Bhuiyan, on behalf of the Mother Language Lovers of the World Society BC, made a presentation regarding annual recognition of International Mother Language Day - February 21.

**Good News**

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

**Board Chair Report**

Katrina Chen reminded the meeting that celebrations for the Lunar New Year will start February 8 and may go on for fifteen days or more. This year will be the Year of the Monkey. Lunar New Year is an important occasion for many

communities from south-east Asia; a time for families and friends to get together, to share and be thankful for what they have.

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

*THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the Board Chair Report, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of January 12, 2016 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### Exploring the Possibilities of the Redesigned Curriculum in the Performing Arts

Reg LaPlante, Program Consultant for the Visual and Performing Arts introduced Mia Letonin and Cecile Streudel, Burnaby North Visual Arts teachers. Ms Letonin and Ms Streudel outlined some of the district's unique visual arts programs.

Students Cassandra Nicolas, Diego Markowsky, Cassia Kitaoka, Carol Li and Elsie Wang shared with Trustees some of their creative processes and projects and described how their experiences in the program have impacted their lives. Some of their work was on display for Trustees to view.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Harman Pandher assumed the Chair.

## **Committee Reports**

### Finance Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Ron Burton assumed the Chair.

### Policy Committee

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Harman Pandher:

*THAT the Policy Committee Report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Larry Hayes 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**

### International Mother Language Day

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

*THAT the Burnaby Board of Education annually recognize February 21 as International Mother Language Day in the Burnaby School District and that Burnaby schools continue to be encouraged to celebrate the tremendous linguistic diversity of our students, staff and families.*

Carried unanimously.

2016 Trustee Committee Responsibilities

In accordance with the Board's Procedural Bylaw, Ron Burton presented the Trustee Committee Responsibilities for 2016.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

*THAT the Board approve the Trustee Committee Responsibilities for 2016, as amended.*

Carried unanimously.

The amendments were the deletion of Harman Pandher as a joint representative to the District Student Advisory Committee and the addition of Meiling Chia as a second representative to the ELL Consortium.

BCSTA AGM: Call for Motions

Trustees were informed of the deadlines for the submission of motions to the BCSTA Annual General Meeting to be held April 14-17, 2016.

**Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:14 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton  
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA  
Secretary-Treasurer