

**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 7:14 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

**Present**

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

**Agenda**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

*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 Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session of January 28, 2014 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Baljinder Narang noted that February 12 will mark the fourth anniversary of the opening of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics and many people are now watching Canada's Olympic athletes perform in Sochi. Canada's athletes have been extremely successful, thanks in large part to the investment made in the "Own the Podium" program. This program illustrates that a dedicated investment really makes a difference. Ms Narang stated she would like to see the same level of investment in public education in BC to ensure that students will thrive, as will BC's economy.

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

*THAT the Board receive and approve the report, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### United Nations Connections Club

The United Nations Connections Club ("UNCC") is an assembly of secondary school students from various Burnaby schools. The club is focused on building awareness of important global issues which will become a foundation for youth action locally and globally. Members participate in model UN debate practice and weekend model UN conferences, host speakers from local organizations and fundraise for special causes.

Sponsor teacher Deidre Moore, who was accompanied by UNCC technical support Albert Lee, introduced the students who had participated in the Annual Student Conference on Human Rights at the UN in New York in December 2013. Frank Cheng, Director of Communications, District UNCC, Burnaby North (grade 11) and Hyun Soo Kanyamuna, Chair, District UNCC, Moscrop (grade 12) reported on their visit to New York and the highlights of their participation in the conference. Natasha Vlajnic, Moscrop (grade 10) and Amanda Lee, Moscrop (grade 8), who had participated via video conference, conveyed their perspective on the conference.

### Burnaby Mountain Improvisational Team

Drama teacher Felicity Rudolph introduced Burnaby Mountain's Junior Improv team - grade 10 students Emilia Michalowska, Aeden Taylor and Noa Kozulin. The students, who have performed Improv together since grade 8, recently won

the Lower Mainland Canadian Improv Games competition. They shared their experiences with Trustees and performed an Improv demonstration.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### Education Committee Report

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

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

Carried unanimously.

### Youth and Community Services Committee Report

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

*THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*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 extraordinary and substantive motions to the BCSTA AGM that will be held in Vancouver from April 24-27.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

*THAT the Board receive this information, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang  
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA  
Secretary-Treasurer