

**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 7:12 pm on Tuesday, February 12, 2013.

**Present**

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher, Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart and Executive Assistant Diana Sturhahn.

**Agenda**

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

*THAT the agenda be approved as amended.*

Carried unanimously.

The amendment changed the order of the items listed in the Superintendent's Report.

**Delegation**

BTA Seminars for Parents

Patrick Parks, Vice-President of the Burnaby Teachers' Association (BTA), and Executive Member Mary Loblaw presented information on seminars for parents organized by Parents and Teachers Together, a sub-committee of the BTA.

**Good News**

Gary Wong presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

## **Minutes**

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

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session of January 22, 2013 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Baljinder Narang acknowledged the Chinese Lunar New Year – Year of the Snake - and celebrating diversity, which enriches our lives and provides the opportunity to learn about other cultures. Ms Narang also referenced that the Burnaby School District is a great example of where diversity is celebrated every day; we have more than 80 languages spoken as a first language by students in our schools.

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

*THAT the Board Chair Report be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Chinese New Year Celebration

Al Post, Principal at Forest Grove Elementary, introduced teachers Deborah Tang and Jaimie Li. Students from their Mandarin Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes performed traditional songs, stories and a Tai Chi demonstration.

Meiling Chia and Harman Pandher left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

### Michael J. Fox Twentieth Anniversary

Theatre Board Director, John White a former Director of Instruction with the Burnaby School District, outlined the history of the Michael J. Fox Theatre. Mr. White highlighted the importance of the theatre's relationships with the Burnaby Board of Education, the Michael J. Fox Theatre Society Board of Directors, Burnaby South Secondary School and the British Columbia School for the Deaf.

Meiling Chia and Harman Pandher returned to the meeting at 7:47 pm.

A video clip was shown of the twentieth anniversary celebration of February 7, 2013 held at the Michael J. Fox Theatre.

Gina Leong, a Grade 12 student from Burnaby Mountain Secondary, shared her experiences and how the Michael J. Fox Theatre and the school's arts program inspired her to be creative and to express herself through the arts and to showcase her talents.

#### Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement 2012 – 2013

Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal provided highlights of the Student Achievement report. The annual report provides specific evidence and measures to facilitate planning and improvement in the areas of literacy, school completion, early learning and aboriginal education.

Larry Hayes left the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Larry Hayes returned to the meeting at 8:23 pm.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

#### **Correspondence**

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

*THAT the letter from Mr. Dave Ellenwood, Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services regarding the Chair and Deputy Chair for 2013 be received.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT the letter from Danyta Welch, Policy and Program Officer, Local Government Services, regarding the Final School Community Connections – supporting neighbourhood Learning Centres program and its grant to Stride Avenue Community School be received and referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### Education Committee

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

*THAT the Education Committee Report be received and the recommendation contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### Finance Committee

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

*THAT the Finance Committee Report be received, and the recommendation contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### Youth and Community Services Committee

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

*THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received and the recommendation contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**District Operations – Administrative Services**

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

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

Carried unanimously.

**Question Period**

The Chair responded to questions from the floor.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Gary Wong:

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Baljinder Narang  
Chair

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