

**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 7:06 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

**Present**

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

**Agenda**

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

*THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.*

Carried unanimously.

The amendment changed the order of the student performances in the Superintendent's Report.

**Superintendent's Report**

Elementary Band and Pilot Strings Program

Ms. Lisa Parsonson, Program Consultant, provided an overview of the district's music program. The comprehensive program provides a variety of music including the handbell choir, the youth strings orchestra, the district children's choir and the youth choir.

Students from the Aubrey Elementary School Band, performed *Pirates of the Caribbean*, conducted by music, band and string teacher Kathryn Lee. Several grade 4 and 5 students from the Burnaby District String Orchestra also performed for Trustees.

## **Delegation**

Ms. Louise Towell from the Stream of Dreams Mural Society provided an overview of the Byrne Creek Watershed Bus Shelter Project. Images of art work, created by both students and professionals were showcased. The images will be transformed into stained glass and illuminate the bus shelter into a community art gallery, once they are installed into the light boards.

## **Good News**

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

## **Minutes**

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

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session of February 26, 2013 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Baljinder Narang noted that March 11 – 17 is “Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth” Awareness week.

District schools do their part by building school communities where children and youth feel connected, valued and part of the school community. Together we can help to ensure that all young people in Burnaby have the opportunity to grow and learn in a safe community.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Aboriginal Education and Independent Directed Studies (IDS)

Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal provided an overview of Independent Directed Studies (IDS) that allow students to initiate their own learning and receive credits towards graduation. The courses are intended for students who wish to pursue curriculum in greater depth and choose and develop their passion and interests. Aboriginal Education teachers are the teacher-mentors for small groups of students in several secondary schools in the district who are pursuing this program.

Grade 11 students, Zoe Mathias, Alex Guerro and Naomi Hourston from Burnaby Mountain and Burnaby North Secondary schools shared their experiences. They outlined the learning outcomes and goals of the IDS program, where they had the opportunity to select and focus on their chosen subject.

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

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Gary Wong:

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

Carried unanimously.

### Finance Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

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

The amendment corrected the date of the annual Walk to Raise Awareness of the sexual exploitation of children and youth to May 4.

Carried unanimously.

**District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Meiling Chia:

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

Carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Baljinder Narang  
Chair

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