

**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 7:04 pm on Monday, March 27, 2017.

**Present**

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

**Agenda**

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

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Good News**

Katrina Chen presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

**Minutes**

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

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of February 27, 2017 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Ron Burton commented that every once in a while someone passes through life who is special. John Shields, who has just passed away, was such a person. He had worked with Martin Luther King before moving to BC and becoming involved in the labour movement. During his time as President of the BCGEU he changed the nature of public sector bargaining. He was a great humanitarian and humanized public sector workers. One of his significant achievements was negotiating pay equity.

Mr. Burton also commented on a recent delegation to southern and southwest China that was organized by the City of Burnaby. The City had invited Vice-Chair Baljinder Narang and Trustee Larry Hayes to attend. Ms. Narang and Mr. Hayes agreed that it was a very worthwhile trip and they had made many valuable contacts in the education sector in the cities they had visited.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### The Power of Sport

Wendy Palmer, Senior Girls' Basketball Coach, Cariboo Hill Secondary School, and students Courtenay Cameron and Mackenzie Smith gave an overview of the team's visit to Cuba last fall where they had the opportunity to train with and be coached by the Cuban National Coaching program. They had arrived in Cuba on the first day of national mourning following the death of President Fidel Castro. The students explained the challenges of playing and making connections with students who played at a higher level and spoke a different language. They appreciated the opportunity to provide their new friends with gifts of jerseys, sports bags and personal supplies.

### Global Citizens

Sabrina Versteeg, Science Teacher, Burnaby North Secondary School, introduced students Jocelyn Chan, Justin Chan, Megan Chan, Ceci Deng and Grace Yang from Burnaby North and Mireta Strandberg-Salmon and Nasseem Vazinkhoo from Moscrop. The students described their visit to Ecuador during Spring Break and

their participation in a Me to We project. They had appreciated seeing for themselves how and where the funds raised by Me to We are spent. Fifty per cent of the funds they raised for their trip are being invested in communities in the Amazon region.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

### **District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Gary Wong 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**

Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, presented the proposed three-year district calendar for the 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 school years. In accordance with Section 87.01 of the School Act the calendar was made available for public feedback and must be submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval by March 31. It follows the district's regular calendar structure and is aligned with neighbouring Metro school districts.

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

*THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the adoption of the Three-Year District Calendar, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by Katrina Chen and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

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Ron Burton  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer