

**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 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

Present

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher, James Wang and Gary Wong; 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 Harman Pandher and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendments moved the Superintendent's Report to follow the Confirmation of the Agenda and added an Education Committee Report to Committee Reports.

Superintendent's Report

District Grade 7 Public Speaking Challenge

Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal gave background on the District Grade 7 Public Speaking Challenge ("Challenge"). Literacy Consultant Ben Pare provided an overview of this year's Challenge. Students Juliana Valerio (Brentwood Park), Sidharth Suja Sidhir (Cameron) and Mariantonella Picon (Cameron) who placed third, second and first respectively performed their winning speeches on the subject of *We Matter*.

Punjabi Program at Burnaby South

Mr. Kaardal gave an overview of the program. Burnaby South Secondary School Principal Lee Anne Kristmanson introduced teacher Dilpreet Ghtuara and four of

her students. The students shared with Trustees what the program means to them and how it has helped them better understand the Punjabi culture and language.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

Mr. Jim Irwin and Ms. Dragana Mihic, Co-Chairs of the Burnaby Teacher-Librarians' Association ("BTLA"), made a presentation that highlighted some of the work done by teacher-librarians and the new vision statement of the BTLA.

Ms Helen H.S. Chang made a presentation on her petition drive she has titled *Canada in Denial*.

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 March 11, 2014 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang noted that April is a month when many festivals are celebrated and religious traditions observed. We are fortunate to share in the diversity and rich culture of these festivities and traditions.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the letter from Dave Ellenwood, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, regarding a grant by the City of Burnaby to the operating funds of Byrne Creek Community School for the 2013/2014 school year, be received, as presented, and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the City.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report

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

THAT the Finance Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Policy Committee Report

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.

Youth and Community Services Committee Report

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by James Wang:

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

Carried unanimously.

Education Committee Report

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Ron Burton:

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

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 and Addendum, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer