

**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 7:08 pm on Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

**Present**

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher, and James Wang; Deputy Superintendent (Acting Superintendent) Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, 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 presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Good News**

Harman Pandher 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 March 26, 2013 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Mentorship Program

Coordinator Community Services, Doreen George provided an overview of the *In-School Mentoring Program*. Grade one to seven students are partnered with an adult “mentor” who meets with their “buddy” for one hour per week at the child’s school. RCMP Sergeant Paul Pabla shared his volunteer experience as a “big buddy” to grade five student Caison Parnall at Stoney Creek Elementary School. Caison explained that he enjoys the games and time spent with his mentor.

### Byrne Creek – Engaging Learners and Embracing Diversity Through Student Leadership

Staff and students from Byrne Creek Secondary School traveled to Chicago on March 15<sup>th</sup>, to attend the 68<sup>th</sup> annual ASCD Conference. As a winner of the 2012 Vision in Action: ASCD whole Child Award, the team presented a session on *Engaging Learners and Embracing Diversity Through Student Leadership*.

The team showed a video of their trip. They shared information on some of the workshops they attended and described how they were impressed with the calibre and variety of the sessions and a captivating speaker Maya Angelou.

Some of the highlights of the trip included visits to art galleries, the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and painting the river green, viewing the architecture and a March Madness Men’s Basketball game.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Baljinder Narang thanked the parents, staff and the community for their engagement and input on the calendar consultation process and the 2013/2014 budget development process.

Ms. Narang acknowledged the volunteers from the College of the Retired – a 40 year success story. This invaluable network of knowledge and lifelong learning is supported by the Burnaby School District, supporting them in the operation of their initiatives and promoting their courses in our Community and Continuing Education brochures.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Correspondence**

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

*THAT the letter from Sarah Reid, Director of Community Development regarding The BC & Yukon Heart and Stroke Foundation be received.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT the letter from Don McRae, Minister of Education regarding Gilmore Community School Capital Project be received.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### 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 presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **District Operations – Administrative Services**

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

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

Carried unanimously.

### **Question Period**

The Chair and district staff responded to a question from the floor.

### **Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Baljinder Narang  
Chair

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