

**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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

Present

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

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

Ms. Sylvia Gung made a presentation regarding Harmonious Living, Child Labour One.

Good News

Harman Pandher presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of April 24, 2012 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes expressed his concern of the Fraser Institute rankings, and how the “apples to oranges” comparison over-simplifies some very complex situations in our education system. The rankings may raise concerns that affect the level of confidence and morale, an important part of productive learning. Mr. Hayes also emphasized the tremendous success experienced by all Burnaby schools and their students.

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

District Grade 7 Public Speaking Challenge

Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart provided the history and background for the Public Speaking Challenge. Grade 7 students choose the content and speak on topics that resonate with them. Three students were district finalists, who presented their speeches at Byrne Creek Secondary in March.

Ben Pare, Literacy Consultant introduced the three finalists; Christina Manning from University Highlands Elementary, Gresa Ibran from Taylor Park Elementary, and Ariel Pan from Chaffey Burke Elementary who presented their personal stories “It’s Possible”.

Learning Transitions – Opportunities to Future Careers

District Principal, Donna Scott showcased three areas of transitions programs; ACE-IT, Industry Certification and Industry Connect Programs. The post secondary programs offered in the Burnaby School District provide a wide range of options for students with work experience and industry related training.

Paul Arthur, Program Consultant, Career and Transitions Programs, presented a short video of student testimonials. Students Lianna Wong, Nuno Meira and Dylan Mackie described their experiences and transition to their future career plans. Lianna Wong is currently in the Ace-It Fitness Leadership program. Her plan is to study at Douglas College and then complete the SFU Kinesiology program to become a physiotherapist. Nuno Meira graduated 3 years ago in the Culinary Arts Ace-It program, and will write his Red Seal certification shortly, he is currently working as a cook at a local hotel. Dylan Mackie is a carpentry

apprentice and is currently employed by the firm where he completed his work experience while attending the Industry Connect program.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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 Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes
Chair

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