

**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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Present

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

Agenda

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment moved the Superintendent's Report to follow Confirmation of the Agenda.

Superintendent's Report

Secondary School Apprenticeship Programs

District Principal Donna Scott, who was accompanied by Career & Transitions Consultant Paul Arthur, gave an overview of the Secondary School Apprenticeship (SSA) program that provides students with the opportunity to begin their apprenticeship training while they are still in school. Students are sponsored by an employer and begin to accumulate the 480 work-based training hours that count towards the hours to achieve internationally-recognized Red Seal designation in their chosen trade. The culmination of the program is the opportunity to earn the SSA Scholarship. Students in the ACE-IT program have the opportunity to transition into SSA and many have done so successfully.

This year 17 students (list attached) earned the SSA Scholarship. Ms Narang presented certificates and cheques to the 14 students who were present at the meeting.

Burnaby's Got Talent

District Student Advisory Committee President Thalia Lang and Secretary Janani Ravikularam gave an overview of this year's district talent competition. There were 16 acts from Burnaby's 8 secondary schools and the event raised \$3,600 for the Burnaby Children's Fund. The overall title went to Burnaby Mountain dancer Jahlil Dulay. Runners-up were magician Jozef Amiri from Burnaby Central and guitarist Mark Virginillo from Cariboo Hill. The students repeated their performances for Trustees.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

Ms Diane Gillis, President of the Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Association (KINA) outlined KINA's efforts to strengthen the neighbourhood around Windsor Elementary School and make it a better place to live, work and attend school. Ms Gillis thanked the Board for its support of KINA.

Good News

Gary Wong 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 April 22, 2014 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang commented on Mental Health Awareness Week. Students cannot learn when they are emotionally distressed; therefore addressing the mental well-being of our students is critical and staff are trained to identify and provide supports to students in emotional distress.

Ms Narang recognized Larry Hayes who has served on the Board for 12 years, and James Wang and Gary Wong who have joined her in achieving six years of service.

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.

Committees

Buildings and Grounds Committee

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

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Education Committee

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Meiling Chia:

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer