

**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 27, 2014.

Present

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

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment added an item of New Business: Letter to the Minister of Education.

Good News

Larry Hayes 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 May 13, 2014 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang commented on the 100th Anniversary Commemoration of the arrival in Vancouver of the Komagata Maru that she and Trustee Larry Hayes had attended. Ms Narang noted that Canada has come a long way in the past 100 years and is now a country that welcomes people from all nations and celebrates their achievements.

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.

Superintendent's Report

Sports Academies

Director of Instruction Ron Hall provided an overview of the district's current athletic programs.

Byrne Creek Vice-Principals Paul Fester and Fonda Papathanasiou and coach Balraj Dhillon presented information on the basketball academy at Byrne Creek. Student Rowena Lau gave her perspective on the program.

Burnaby Central's Department Head of Student Services and Athletic, Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator Monica Frank made a presentation on the AVPA program. The program includes PASS soccer, a Whitecaps residency program and two Burnaby Winter Club programs - Club 15 and Club U18. Students Thomas Cankovic and Tyler Welsh responded to questions from Trustees on their participation in the programs.

Class Size and Composition

In accordance with Section 72 of the *School Act*, Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal presented his report on changes to date to class size and composition for the 2013/2014 school year.

2014/2019 Board of Education Strategic Plan

Mr. Kaardal presented the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. The district's four strategic goals are: leading the learning, building digital literacy and citizenship, ensuring a sustainable district and developing leaders for today and tomorrow.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the following letters be received:

Letter from Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education to Board Chairs regarding current challenges in the education system;

Letter from Patricia Woroch, Chief Executive Officer of the Immigrant Services Society of British Columbia, forwarding a copy of their recent publication "Refugee Newcomers in Metro Vancouver – Changing Faces and Neighbourhoods 2010-2013".

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.

New Business

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

THAT the Board of Education write a letter to the Minister of Education regarding the current state of BCTF contract negotiations.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer