

**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 pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

Present

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

Agenda

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Gary Wong presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of April 23, 2013 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang commented that democracy is the cornerstone of western society and multi-party elections ensure citizens have a say in who represents them. However, voter turn-out is often poor. Student Votes BC attempts to get children and youth engaged in the election process while in school and to make them aware of the importance of exercising their right to vote.

Trustees have been attending grade 12 school-leaving ceremonies and Ms Narang congratulated the more than 2,000 students who make up the district's graduating class of 2013.

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

Esso Cup Student Program

Armstrong Elementary Principal Ernie Kashima presented an overview of the Esso Cup National Female Midget Hockey Championship. The event, which is for girls aged 16-18, began in 2010. This year the Burnaby Minor Hockey Association hosted the event from April 21-27, with six teams participating from the West, Pacific, Ontario, Atlantic, Quebec and Prairie regions. In total, 5,712 students from Burnaby schools attended the games and supported the teams. Students Seina Kashima and Selena Doyle (Burnaby South) who acted as coordinators of the secondary school volunteers, shared with Trustees their experiences. Nelson Elementary Principal Dino Klarich introduced students Tanner Schuck and Monica Badial who described the visit by the Edmonton Thunder team to Nelson Elementary.

BYSN Do it Green Conference 2013

The Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BYSN) is a group of approximately 40 students who represent the sustainability and environmental clubs from the district's eight secondary schools. Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli introduced BYSN Chair Jacqueline Shen (Burnaby South) and Vice-Chair An-Te Chu (Moscrop) who shared some of the highlights of the fourth annual BYSN Do it Green Conference. Over 250 students had registered for the conference, some

from other districts who have started or plan to start their own youth sustainability networks. Ms Shen and Mr. Chu also outlined BYSN's future plans, including participating in the new district Food Scrap Recycling Committee.

The BYSN is the recipient of the City of Burnaby's 2013 Environment Award for Youth.

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 2012/2013.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the Superintendent's report be received, 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 Chang:

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

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received, and the recommendation contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

THAT the Board receive and approve the Superintendent's District Operations – Administrative Services Reports dated May 14 and May 28, 2013, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Original signed by:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

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