

**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 7:05 pm on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

Present

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Ron Burton, 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.

Good News

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

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of May 22, 2012 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes publicly recognized Superintendent Claudio Morelli for 34 years of distinguished service in public education in various communities in BC. Mr. Hayes thanked Mr. Morelli for his dedication for 7 years of service at the Burnaby School District. Mr. Hayes and on behalf of the Trustees, wished him well in his next chapter of life, in retirement.

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

THAT the Board receive and approve the Board Chair Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

District K – 12 Words Project

Literacy Consultant, Ben Pare provided an overview of the 2012 Words Project. The Words Project began 26 years ago to celebrate and encourage student writing. Students Clair Roe, from Sperling Elementary, Bushra Gabreldar, from Chaffey-Burke Elementary and Eleanor Hoskins, from Burnaby North Secondary read their poems. Eleanor wrote her first poem in Grade 3 for the Words Project, encouraging her to become a writer.

Friends of Simon

Angela Flumerfelt, Project Coordinator for *Friends of Simon* provided an overview and short video of the Simon Fraser University initiative. The program recruits, prepares and assigns university students as literacy tutors for school-aged children who are new to the country. *Friends of Simon* supports 200 students a week at 14 different sites throughout the lower mainland. Byrne Creek Secondary and Edmonds Community School benefit from this program. Students Mohamad Adnan and Jeanne Mubalana from Byrne Creek, shared their experiences and the positive impact the program provides.

David Starr, Principal at Edmonds and David Rawnsley, Principal at Byrne Creek provided comments of their first hand experience, witnessing the positive effect in the schools. The students gain self confidence, and often contribute by volunteering and mentoring younger students in the schools.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Baljinder Narang left the meeting at 7:48 pm.

Baljinder Narang returned to the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

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

THAT the Education Committee be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Policy Committee

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

THAT the Policy Committee be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee be received, and approve the recommendations contained therein as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes
Chair

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