

## PUBLIC BOARD MEETING – JUNE 12, 2012

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It was the spring of 1978 when an enthusiastic young teacher took his wife out to show her an empty field in Mission, BC. Maybe not the most exciting thing for a couple to do ... but this empty field had greater meaning - for it was where he would be starting his career as a grade 7 elementary school teacher.

That fall, on his first day of school as a teacher, the lights went on for the first time in Claudio Morelli's first-ever classroom, a portable at Fraser View Elementary. And those lights have shone brightly ever since.

Six years later, Claudio moved his family to Northern BC, to the community of Vanderhoof, population 2000. In this environment, his family flourished and so did his career as he became vice-principal and then principal of a number of different schools. Next stop was 12 years in Vernon where Claudio moved into District 22's Board office - as an Educational Director and then later, the Assistant Superintendent.

In 2005, Claudio recognized the need to be closer to family in Metro Vancouver ... and being an East End boy at heart! He got his resume in just under the wire for the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Burnaby School District. He was the victor – and began his role as Assistant Superintendent of the fourth largest school district in the Province.

In 2008, when Superintendent Sheila Rooney retired, the Board recognized that the next Superintendent of Burnaby was already in our midst. In February 2008 Claudio Morelli was appointed by the Board as the ninth Superintendent of Burnaby Schools in our over one hundred year history. Claudio, there are certainly no empty fields left from where you have been.

As this is your final Board meeting, I would like to publicly recognize you for thirty-four years of distinguished and dedicated service to the children of our province and especially for the last seven years that you've spent with us here in Burnaby ... moving our district forward. Along with my other Trustee colleagues, I wish you and your family an exciting future in the next chapter of your life and career. Claudio ... we all thank you!

Larry Hayes  
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