

**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 7:03 pm on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

Present

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

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of June 25, 2013 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang welcomed everyone back to another new school year. Ms Narang extended a special welcome to Burnaby's newest and youngest students, the new kindergartners. She also thanked all the staff who had worked throughout the summer to maintain district operations, ensure the success of the Summer School and International Education programs and to prepare school facilities and grounds for the new school year.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Engaging New Language Learning

Director of Instruction Wanda Mitchell introduced parent Caroline Chady and Mandarin kindergarten student Dominic from Forest Grove Elementary School. Ms Chady expressed her appreciation that her son had the opportunity to follow in his sister's footsteps in the Mandarin program and learn an additional language. Dominic was delighted with his first day of school.

Ms Mitchell also introduced parent Nilima Tupper and French Immersion kindergarten student Mira from Sperling Elementary. Ms Tupper stated that Mira was thrilled with her introduction to the program and shared her thoughts and first impressions.

The Learning Never Stops

Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal outlined some of the learning opportunities that were available in Burnaby schools during the summer. Programs operated at more than 50 per cent of the district's schools. Mr. Kaardal also noted that a number of summer programs for children were offered at each of the district's 7 community schools, along with childcare and preschool programs at 13 elementary school sites.

District Principal Donna Scott and Armstrong Elementary Principal Ernie Kashima outlined some of the benefits of participating in the summer learning

opportunities. Plans were already being made for next year's summer session. They introduced some of the students who had participated in this year's session.

Iris Au Yeung, who had participated in Surprising Science, described her favourite experiment. Prashanya Sundralingham outlined some of the subjects covered in her Intermediate Skill Development Course. Ethan Meek described what he liked about the Going into Grade 4 transition course.

School Opening Report

Mr. Kaardal stated that the 2013/2014 school year is off to a good start, with the first week consisting of many focused activities including building school community and promoting a positive school climate. Mr. Kaardal showed a presentation of some of the activities taking place in the first few days of school. A detailed enrolment report will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.

The Learning Never Stops (contd.)

Students Diva and Rhea Sehgal joined the meeting to describe their participation in this year's summer session. Diya, who had taken math, socials and writing, gave some ideas for future programs. Rhea outlined her participation in Essay and Report Writing.

It was moved by Meiling Chia 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:

- 1. Kim S. Carter, Ombudsperson, Province of BC: Transmitting a copy of the 2012-2013 Annual Report*
- 2. Danyta Welch, Policy and Program Officer, Local Government Program Services: Final report on the project to expand the community garden at Stride Avenue Community School*
- 3. Kathy Corrigan, MLA: Autonomy and jurisdiction of boards of education*

4. *Kennedy Stewart, MP: Challenges facing international students following cut-backs and job action at Citizenship and Immigration Canada*
5. *Kim S. Carter, Ombudsperson, Province of BC: Files closed from April 1 to June 30, 2013*
6. *Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education: Framework for a ten-year agreement with the BCTF*

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Harman Pandher:

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations - Business Services

Capital Project Bylaw No 126632

Mr. Frank presented the pro-forma Capital Project Bylaw for the 2013/2014 Annual Facility Grant funding for the maintenance of school facilities. There is no change to the total amount of the AFG funding, but the Ministry of Education has changed the split of funds between operating and capital and the Board is required to adopt Capital Project Bylaw No. 126632 in the amount of \$3,367,831 representing the capital portion of the Annual Facility Grant funding.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No 126632 receive three readings at this Board meeting held September 10, 2013.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No 126632 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No 126632 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No 126632 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No 126632 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Bylaw No 126632 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 10th day of September, 2013; that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign the bylaw; and that the bylaw be sealed with the corporate seal of the Board.

Carried unanimously.

New Business

BCSTA Provincial Council: Call for Motions

Trustees were informed of the deadlines for the submission of motions to the BCSTA Provincial Council.

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

THAT the Board receive this information.

Carried unanimously.

Board Correspondence

Trustees reviewed four letters that were issued during the summer at the Board's request and were brought forward for formal board approval.

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

THAT the Board approve the letters, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

Mr. Frank responded to questions from the floor.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

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