

**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, September 11, 2012.

Present

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Meiling Chia, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher, James Wang, Gary Wong; Acting Superintendent of Schools Heather Hart, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents, 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

Baljinder Narang presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of June 26, 2012 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes acknowledged the success of our summer program, and the excitement of getting ready for the new school year. Chair Hayes welcomed

Heather Hart to the role of Acting Superintendent as the search for the new Superintendent begins.

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

THAT the Board Chair Report be received and approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

School Opening Report

Acting Superintendent Heather Hart presented the School Opening Report, highlighting many of the startup activities happening in schools. She welcomed new and returning families and indicated enrolment will be close to projections. A detailed enrolment report will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

The Learning Never Stops

District Principal Donna Scott provided an overview of the District's Summer Session. Ms. Scott provided some details of the learning opportunities offered this summer. The district hosted 8,500 students and classes were held at 24 Burnaby school locations. Some of the courses provided students extra help to develop skills for lifelong learning or extra support for learning challenges.

In addition to the summer session academic programs, childcare and preschool programs were offered at 17 elementary schools. As well, three secondary schools, Burnaby South, Byrne Creek and Burnaby Mountain, were used as sporting venues for the British Columbia Seniors Games, hosted by the City of Burnaby from August 21 to 25.

Summer site coordinator, Nancy Sinclair introduced two students who shared their experience at summer session. Andrew Ma, Grade 5, enjoyed a positive experience and will go back next year. Devon Roger attended his second year of summer session to improve his work and get ready for Grade 4.

Meeting the Challenge of Grade 7 to 8 Transitions through Collaboration and Mentorship

Burnaby North Principal Kevin Brandt, highlighted the transition program that helps students transitioning from Grade 7 to Grade 8 feel connected and safe. Students attended their secondary school in August with a mentor, and information sessions and tours were held to help them become familiar with the school culture and the facilities.

Mentor Isabella McKenna, a Grade 12 Student, provided a survival guide to help students get ready for the school year. Nico Ghisi, Grade 10, shared his experience and indicated he appreciated the help mentors provided him when he entered Grade 8. Mrs. Osellame and her Grade 8 son Marco Osellame shared their positive experience with Burnaby North's transition process into secondary school.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the letter from Minister of Education George Abbott regarding Service Delivery Transformation, be received.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Meiling Chia:

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Business Services

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank presented the pro-forma draft Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126371-A in the amount of \$288,360. The Ministry of Education recently announced the third and final phase of a capital program for playground projects. Rosser Elementary School was approved for funding in the amount of \$50,000 to replace its existing playground.

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126371-A receive three readings at this Board meeting held January 10, 2012.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126371-A be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126371-A be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126371-A be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126371-A be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Capital Project Amendment Bylaw No. 126371-A having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 11th day of September 2012; 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

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the Board receive the report on the BCSTA Provincial Council call for motions, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes
Chair

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