

**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 Boardroom 7:02 pm on Monday, September 11, 2017.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno 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

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

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of June 26, 2017 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Baljinder Narang, Vice-Chair, welcomed everyone back to a new school year. Ms. Narang thanked the facilities team for their hard work during the summer to prepare

almost 50 new classrooms district-wide, in addition to moving portables, painting and cleaning schools and finishing playground installations. The district has hired almost 50 new full-time equivalent teachers for its K-12 program and is also launching a blended learning initiative for adult students in the award-winning Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada program. The new school year promised to be both engaging and successful.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent`s Report

Study Travel Magazine STAR High School Program Award

Angela Ferraro, Managing Director, International Education, showed Trustees the award the International Student Program had won for the second consecutive year. The award reflected the amazing work and support of many people throughout the district. Sally Stacey, Marketing Manager, expressed her appreciation to the district's marketing team.

International students Azul Herrera Martinez, and Xiaoman (Mary) Zhang described their participation in the International Student Program.

Career Education – Work Experience Program: City of Burnaby Fire Department Youth Academy

Garth Errico, Director of Instruction, described the Career Education program that is very prominent in the district's curriculum. Staff are committed to ensuring that students can participate regardless of when in the year these innovative learning opportunities occur.

Paul Arthur, Career Education & Transition Program Consultant, outlined the Burnaby Fire Department's first ever Youth Academy that had been created with the support of Fire Chief Darcey O'Riordan. Thirteen students had taken part in the four-day academy at the beginning of July. Students Jake Johannson, Zahra Simini, Tyril Whitebear and Lucy Xu described their participation in various activities, including climbing a 100-foot ladder, descending from a 70-foot building, using the jaws of life and entering a smoke-filled room.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the letter from Dave Ellenwood, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, regarding the City of Burnaby's 2017/2018 grant to the district's community schools, be received

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the letter from Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson, regarding the Quarterly Report April 1-June 30 and the changes made to the office's tracking and reporting processes, be received.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

New Business

Trustees were informed of the deadlines for submitting motions to the October 27-28 meeting of the BCSTA Provincial Council.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Ron Burton
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer