

**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 at 7:04 pm on Monday, September 12, 2016.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang and Harman Pandher; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Acting Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell, 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 Baljinder Narang and seconded by Katrina Chen:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of June 27, 2016 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools, reported that the past few weeks had been a very busy and exciting time for both staff and students. Staff had worked round the clock to get schools up and running for September and many had participated in professional development activities during the summer.

Vancouver Summer Swap

Sonya Kung, Chair of the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network, accompanied by Ricky Yin from Alpha Secondary School, described the BYSN's third and most successful Vancouver Summer Swap. Thousands of articles of clothing, accessories, shoes and books had been donated and swapped and unclaimed items had been donated to Big Brothers.

Ms. Kung also shared with Trustees some of BYSN's plans for the current school year. They planned to host another Do-it-Green event on March 28, 2017, to improve and enhance the food scrap program in secondary schools and to present workshops on recycling in elementary schools. They particularly wanted to promote the recycling of juice boxes.

The Learning Never Stops

Janice Nataksu, Summer Session Assistant Elementary Administrator, introduced two of the unique elementary programs offered in the 2016 Summer Session. In 1990 the program employed about 15 teachers and was focused on remedial programs; this year's program employed over 200 teachers and 82 Education Assistants, hosted 7,600 students and offered a wide variety of interesting courses.

Olwen Cowan described the Imagination Quest program that combined fun and technology and promoted critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Students Mathew Wong and Abby and Hannah Madar shared their experience with the program and how much they were looking forward to next year's Summer Session.

David Ivas, music teacher at Maywood Community School, described the Rock Band program. Mr. Ivas showed a video of his students, many of whom had no previous music experience, who had learned to play Riptide after only two weeks of classes and eleven days of rehearsal.

It was moved by Harman Pandher 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 Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson, reporting on files closed from April 1 to June 30, 2016, be received.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the letter from Robert Taverner, President, BC Retired Teachers' Association, regarding the preservation of artifacts and materials from schools in BC, be received and referred to the Policy Committee.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the letter from Ann Mayo, Member of Burnaby Residents Opposing Kinder Morgan Expansion, regarding communication of its Town Hall meetings, be received and that staff reply to Ms. Mayo that district policy precludes the promotion of outside activities within schools.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Katrina Chen:

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton
Chair

Roy Uyeno, CPA, CGA
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer