

**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 7:10 pm on Tuesday, June 28, 2011.

**Present**

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Ron Burton, Tony Coccia, Baljinder Narang, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Kevin Kaardal and Gina Niccoli-Moen, Associate Superintendent Elliott Grieve and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

**Agenda**

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Ron Burton:

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Delegations**

The following delegations presented regarding draft Policy 5.45: Homophobia/Heterosexism:

- Mr. Gordon World
- Ms Kaitlin Burnett and Ms Jazmine Khan

**Good News**

Tony Coccia presented a Good News item from Westridge Elementary School, a video students had made that represented the actions of “real fans” following the Stanley Cup final.

## **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Tony Coccia:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session of June 14, 2011 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Larry Hayes reflected on the many successes in the district over the 2010/2011 school year. He highlighted the large number of capital projects and sustainability initiatives in the district and the celebration of school anniversaries by Parkcrest Elementary and Alpha Secondary schools. A number of programs had been implemented or expanded, including the Mandarin language and French Immersion programs, full-day Kindergarten/Early Learning, Advanced Learning and the Youth Hub. Several student leadership initiatives had been introduced and many students had been successful in Fine Arts, athletics and sports. Eight students had graduated from the three district senior Alternative programs this year and 387 students had been honoured at the annual Aboriginal Achievement Ceremony.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network

Director of Instruction Reno Ciolfi introduced eight students who are active members of the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BYSN) and who had received a City of Burnaby Environmental Award in the Youth category for their efforts in raising environmental awareness through the BYSN. Frances Clayton, Helena Trajic and Valeriya Zaborska from Moscrop, Aliya Dossa, Jennifer Hao, Sofiya Kominko and Ziggy Linklater from Burnaby North and Tiffany Yang from Burnaby South outlined some of the initiatives they had introduced to promote sustainability activities across the district.

### Class Size and Composition

In accordance with Section 76 of the *School Act*, Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli presented a report on changes to class size and composition from September, 2010 to May, 2011.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Tony Coccia:

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

Carried unanimously.

### **Correspondence**

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by Gary Wong:

*THAT the letters from Ken Robinson, President, Hospital Employees' Union, and Robert Holmes, President, BC Civil Liberties Association, regarding Policy 5.45 be received.*

Carried unanimously.

### **District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

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

Carried unanimously.

### **Question Period**

Trustees and senior staff responded to questions from the floor.

### **Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes  
Chair

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