

**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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 13, 2011.

Present

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Baljinder Narang, Gary Wong and James Wang; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Kevin Kaardal, Gina Niccoli-Moen and Heather Hart, and Executive Assistant Diana Sturhahn.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

Amendment included: The addition of an addendum to the Field Experiences report.

Good News

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

Minutes

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of June 28, 2011 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes welcomed everyone to the new school year and indicated that the board will continue to make sure that our students continue to receive the best educational experience possible. Chair Hayes commented that the district was very busy over the summer months providing educational services to nine thousand summer school students and completing a large number of capital projects, including the opening of the new Burnaby Central Secondary School.

Chair Hayes also commented on some of the challenges for the district in the upcoming year.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

School Opening Report

On Tuesday, September 6, 2011 the Board of Education welcomed students, families and staff to the 2011-2012 school year. There are 1,620 Kindergarten students starting school for the first time and 2,668 grade 12 students entering their final year of secondary school. The first day of school saw the opening of the new Burnaby Central site, an expanded Brantford Elementary School and full-day kindergarten in all of our 41 elementary schools.

Ms. Jillian Lewis, Principal of Brentwood Park Elementary introduced parent, Tara Sperling and kindergarten student, Dexter Sperling, who shared their thoughts and first impressions of their first week of school.

Burnaby Central Secondary School

On September 6, 2011 Burnaby Central opened its “new” doors to 1,281 students after three years of planning and construction. The school boasts an impressive design and some of the unique features include; LEED gold standards, enhanced athletic facilities, conference centre and a science super lab.

Principal Garth Errico along with two Burnaby Central students, Katrina Apodaca and Ryan Hirokida shared some of their experiences at the “new” Burnaby Central Secondary School.

School Enrolment

The district experienced stable enrolment over the last few years. The population for the 2011-2012 school year was projected at 23,893 for the district. A detailed report will be provided to the Board at a future meeting.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by James Wang:

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the letter from the Catholic Civil Rights League regarding revised Policy 5.45 (Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity) be received and referred to staff for response.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by James Wang and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the letter from the Ambassador of the United States regarding Sister Cities International be received.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the letter from the City of Burnaby regarding the Burnaby Social Sustainability Strategy be received.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the letter from Local Government Program Services regarding the 2010 School community financial summary be received.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the letter from the Burnaby Fall Prevention Society regarding the New Horizons for Seniors Program Grant be received and that a letter of support for the Society's grant application be issued.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

Field Experiences

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the Field Experiences Report, including the addendum, be received and approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

New Business

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the Call for Motions from the BCSTA Provincial Council be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry Hayes
Chair

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