

**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 Boardroom at 7:10 pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

**Present**

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell; and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

**Agenda**

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

*THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.*

Carried unanimously.

The amendment moved the Superintendent's Report to follow approval of the agenda.

**Superintendent's Report**

Stride Avenue Aboriginal Drum Group

Mary Hotamanie, District Aboriginal Resource Teacher, provided an overview of the Stride Avenue Aboriginal Drum Group. The group is made up of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students in Kindergarten to Grade 5 and reflects the spirit of the Stride Avenue Community School. The group performed Chief Dan George's Coast Salish Anthem.

Orange Shirt Day

Aman Rai, Clinton Elementary teacher, outlined the background to Orange Shirt Day. The event is now held annually on September 30 to honour the survivors of Indian residential schools. Ms Rai introduced students Brian Micki (grade 7) and

Cason Waters (grade 6). Brian shared his thoughts about Orange Shirt Day and Carson read a poem he had written about residential schools.

### Aboriginal Worldviews and Perspectives Report

Brandon Curr, District Vice-Principal Instructional Services, provided an overview of the Regional Session on Aboriginal Perspectives and Worldview in the Classroom that had been hosted by the district on February 11. Mr. Curr also shared some findings from the final report of the five regional sessions held throughout the province last school year. The information collected has been formulated into a classroom resource that was released at the start of the 2015/2016 school year.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

### **Delegation**

Liam Donnelly, Head Varsity Swim Coach at Simon Fraser University, made a presentation on the commitment by the City of Burnaby to build a new aquatic facility and the potential benefit of such a facility to the SFU-School District sports program partnership. He asked the Board to send a letter of support for an expanded new aquatic facility to the Mayor and City Council. He also asked for permission to mention the SFU-District sports program partnership in a pamphlet to be produced by Tourism Burnaby.

### **Good News**

Larry Hayes presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

### **Approval of Minutes**

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

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of September 8, 2015 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Harman Pandher expressed the Board's appreciation to the Ministry of Education for its recent announcements regarding the funding for seismic remediation projects for Alpha Secondary School and Montecito Elementary School.

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

*THAT the Board of Education receive the above information.*

Carried unanimously.

Ron Burton commented on the loss of the Burnaby Newsleader that would be ceasing publication on October 1. He acknowledged the Newsleader's contribution to the community and its coverage of school district news and stories.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Harman Pandher assumed the Chair.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Ron Burton presented the Finance Committee Report.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes

*THAT the Finance Committee Report be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

Ron Burton assumed the Chair.

Roy Uyeno, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, made a presentation on the audited financial statements of the Board of Education for the year ending June 30, 2015.

## **District Operations – Administrative Services**

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

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

*THAT the presentation by Liam Donnelly be referred to the Board's Education Committee.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton  
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA  
Secretary-Treasurer