

**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, September 25, 2012.

Present

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Meiling Chia, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher, James Wang and Gary Wong; Acting Superintendent of Schools Heather Hart, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Kevin Kaardal and Gina Niccoli-Moen and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment moved item 2 of the Superintendent's Report ahead of item 1.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of September 11, 2012 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes spoke of the importance for young people to have dreams and the positive influence heroes can have on motivating and inspiring young people to achieve great things. Mr. Hayes indicated that the public school system must continue to provide teachers the opportunity to encourage students to have heroes and dream big.

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

That the Board receive and approve the Board Chair Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

2011-2012 Governor-General's Academic Medal Recipients

The Governor-General's Academic Medal award was created in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across Canada. The medals are awarded to the student graduating with the highest grade-point average from each secondary school, and approved college or university programs. Over the years they have become the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive.

Principals Ron Hall, Garth Errico, Brian Jackson, Kevin Brandt, Dave Rawnsley, Sue Montabello, Victoria Lee and Vice-Principal Parm Hari introduced their medal winners: Jenny Chan (Alpha), Roger Tsui (Burnaby Central), Bronwyn Balaz-Munn (Burnaby Mountain), Nicole Shum (Burnaby North), Sherry He Chen Song (Burnaby South), Alice Kang (Byrne Creek), Shayna Virginillo (Cariboo Hill) and Mikayla Louie Moscrop). Many of the students were accompanied by their proud parents and siblings.

The School Library – A Learning Commons

District Teacher-Librarian Patricia Finlay updated trustees on the evolving role of school libraries as physical and virtual information and learning centres for both students and staff. Ms Finlay demonstrated how the recently-purchased online resources from the Critical Thinking Consortium are being used by teachers and teacher-librarians.

Gary Wong left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the letter from Lynne Axford, City of Burnaby, forwarding a copy of a report approving the City of Burnaby's membership in the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination, be received and referred to staff to review how the City's recommendations can be implemented in Burnaby public schools.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee

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

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Policy Committee

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

THAT the Policy Committee report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee (contd.)

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno made a presentation on the district's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012.

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

THAT the Board receive and approve the audited financial statements of the Board of Education of School District No. 41 Burnaby for the year ended June 30, 2012, as presented

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by James Wang:

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

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

Acting Superintendent Heather Hart responded to a question from the floor.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes
Chair

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