

**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 District Conference Centre at 7:09 pm on Monday, September 26, 2016.

Present

Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang and Gary Wong; 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 Baljinder Narang:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Larry Hayes 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 September 12, 2016 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Vice-Chair Harman Pandher commented on Orange Shirt Day that was held annually on September 30 to honour the survivors of residential schools. Since

September 30 this year is the curriculum implementation day in Burnaby, many schools have planned activities and events to honour Orange Shirt Day throughout the week.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools, reported that the district has had a magnificent start to the new school year with the receipt of two awards - one for its International Student Program and one for its Language Instruction for New-comers to Canada (LINC) Program.

Study Travel Magazine STAR High School Program Award

Study Travel (ST) Magazine is a leading voice within the international education sector. Its ST Award is a unique, peer-voted award in the study travel industry where agents vote for their preferred educational organizations.

Angela Ferraro, Managing Director, International Education, who accepted the award on behalf of the district, introduced some of the members of Burnaby's International Student Program. The program started in the 2002/2003 school year with 92 students. Since then it has welcomed around 7,000 students and in the 2016/2017 school year expects to enroll 1,500 students from 37 countries. Burnaby's unique community approach to caring and supporting students and developing cultural understanding garnered the district this award. The district has a regional team approach that is being copied by other districts; it also has an international student support worker in each of its secondary schools – a resource that is not available in other districts.

LINC Program and Provincial Award

Louise Thorburn, Manager Community and Continuing Education, noted that the district's LINC program helps newcomers to develop not only their language skills but to become active members of their community. There are now 17 teachers who are active in the program.

Teachers Augusta Avram and Maria Kenward described how technology is used to assist students through the use of computers and other media such as twitter. Literacy is also taken beyond the classroom and students have participated in various activities that included building eco-sculptures, a field trip to Burnaby Lake and assisting with pop-up libraries. They have assisted with bottle recycling and garage sales which improves their numeracy and language skills. They are also encouraged to participate in community events such as Terry Fox fundraisers, National Aboriginal Day and Pink Shirt Day.

Student Slava Chibrikov shared with Trustees what the program means to him. The friendly and supportive environment makes him feel at home and the encouragement for students to understand Canadian culture and be a part of their community is priceless.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the letter from Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, regarding the possible amendment of Metro Vancouver's regional growth strategy, be received.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

Roy Uyeno, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, made a presentation on the audited financial statements of the Board of Education for the year ending June 30, 2016.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton
Chair

Roy Uyeno, CPA, CGA
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer