

**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 7:02 pm on Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

Present

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

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of September 24, 2013 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang applauded two Burnaby programs that meet the needs of two unique student groups. Body Worlds and the Brain was developed in 2010 by the district's Cultural Transition Service and Safe & Caring Schools team to provide support to vulnerable refugee and immigrant students who might be overwhelmed by the settlement process. The project was recognized on September 26, 2013 for its ingenuity and success with an Innovative Services – Award of Excellence by BC's Representative for Children and Youth, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond.

Burnaby North has been chosen as one of six initial schools in Canada to offer an innovative new diploma program, the AP Capstone Diploma program, for those seeking greater academic challenges. It will be offered as an option for students in the fall of 2014.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Westridge School Values

Westridge Elementary School Principal Dave MacLean introduced renowned First Nations Artist and Master Carver Simon Daniel James. Mr. James described how he had worked with the entire Westridge school community to create a carving on an 8' by 8' old growth cedar that now stands at the school's entrance. They shared with trustees video presentations of the process.

Body Worlds and the Brain Project

Manager of Youth Services Sue Dorey reported that the project provides early support to vulnerable refugee and immigrant students who are struggling with the settlement process and may have experienced trauma. This eight-week, after-school program addresses trauma through the back door, focusing on developing competence and providing support rather than directly addressing emotional or behavioural problems. Ms Dorey introduced the other members of the team: BC Children's Hospital Psychologist Dr. Sarina Kot, Coordinator of Student Intervention Peter van den Hoogen, Coordinator of Cultural Transition Services

Ruby Chan, Youth and Family Worker Ana Alarcon, Settlement Workers Hafal Ahmad and Mambo Masinda, Youth Engagement Worker Angela Hamre and therapy dog Max.

Dr. Kot and Ms Chan outlined the evolution of the program and its effect on students.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Harman Pandher:

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the letter from Burnaby City Councillor Richard Chang regarding a proposed art exchange during the summer of 2014 with Burnaby's Sister City Mesa be received and referred to the Education Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

It was moved by James Wang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee Report

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

THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

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