

**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 7:05 pm on Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

Present

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

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Trustee Gary Wong presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of September 25, 2012 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes spoke about public education today, and the many opportunities and choices available. The Burnaby school district is evolving to promote the passion of learning in so many non-traditional ways, while incorporating the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. Personalized Learning prepares our students for the challenges they will face in a complex future. Burnaby teachers, support staff and partner groups help develop good students, and good people. We have examples of this each and every day in our school district.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Burnaby North Hockey Academy

Operating in its ninth year, the Burnaby North Hockey Academy provides a unique program for both male and female students, an opportunity to receive high level hockey instruction while attending regular high school classes.

Teacher Dave Watts provided an overview of the hockey academy and the positive results for students, academically and athletically. Parent Mr. Don Brletic talked about the hockey program, and the positive experience his son Michael Brletic gained as he developed as an athlete, a young man and a community member. Michael shared his experience with the academy that teaches responsibility, balance in school and hockey, and always put your best effort in all you do.

Student Fillipo Mainella spoke of the leadership development he experienced, and how he now helps the young students coming through the program. He respects the coaching, and benefits from the one-to-one coaching both on and off the ice.

Student Mario Jozipovic, has three years experience with the academy and enjoys the positive aspects of team effort: respect, leadership and discipline.

Nelson Elementary Celebrates 100 Years of Learning

Principal Dino Klarich presented a slideshow of the Centennial Celebration at Nelson Elementary School. The event hosted many past and present alumni and staff that shared their stories of the school community.

Teacher Clay Grant, who has worked at the school for ten years, has a history of family members that were teachers and staff who worked in the Burnaby School District. Mr. Grant put in many hours preparing for this special event, with the support and dedication of many individuals.

Trustee Harman Pandher presented a placard, signed by all Trustees to celebrate the Centennial of the school. A brass placard will be placed at the school, and all schools in Burnaby that reach 100 years.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Kevin Kaardal left the meeting at 7:50 pm

Correspondence

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

THAT the letter from Education Minister, Don McRae regarding the Management Compensation Freeze be received.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

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

THAT the Education Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Kevin Kaardal returned to the meeting at 7:52 pm

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

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 Gary Wong and seconded by James Wang:

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes
Chair

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