

**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 7:05 pm on Tuesday, October 22, 2013.

Present

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and 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.

Delegation

BTA President James Sanyshyn made a presentation on public education funding and teacher bargaining. He introduced those members of the BTA Executive who were present at the meeting.

BTA Vice-President Patrick Parkes made a presentation on upcoming BTA Parent Seminars.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of October 8, 2013 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang commented that the Board takes very seriously its role of advocacy for a fully-funded public education system. Trustees and senior staff meet with the Minister of Education to highlight the quality work being done in the district and the budget pressures we face. The Board has consistently endorsed free collective bargaining. It is legally obliged to submit balanced annual budgets to the Ministry of Education.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

District Student Advisory Council (DSAC)

Director of Instruction Ron Hall introduced DSAC Executive members Stephen Lachocki, Annice Chang and Thalia Lang. The students highlighted some of their experiences at the recent 2013/2014 DSAC Leadership Retreat and what they had learned. They also outlined DSAC's annual goals and their ideas for future activities.

District Student Enrolment

Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal presented the preliminary report on student enrolment for the 2013/2014 school year. K-12 school-aged enrolment is above the district's projections by 152 FTE students and is below the 2012/2013 enrolment by 195 FTE. The total enrolment of school-aged students at September 30 is 23,124 FTE.

School Organization for the 2013/2014 School Year

Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli presented the Superintendent's report on the organization of classes for the 2013/2-14 school year. The report demonstrated that classes in the district have been reviewed, appropriate processes have occurred, that school organizations are appropriate for student learning and the district is in compliance with the class size provisions of the School Act.

Learning Improvement Fund

The Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) and its regulations came into effect on April 14, 2012. The purpose of the LIF is to identify which classes, if any, require additional resources to address learning improvements. To qualify for funds the district must comply with the consultation requirements and submit a spending plan in October. Mr. Bombelli reviewed this year's process for the distribution and allocation of funds.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the Superintendent's report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, including approval of the report on school organization for the 2013/2014 school year, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education Committee Report

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

THAT the Education Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Harman Pandher:

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 Larry Hayes:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

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