

**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 7:14 pm on Tuesday, October 23, 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 Gary Wong 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 introduced those members of the BTA Executive who were present at the meeting.

**Good News**

Baljinder Narang 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 October 9, 2012 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Chair Larry Hayes commented on the official opening of Burnaby Central Secondary School that afternoon which had included the participation of Premier Christy Clark and the attendance of Minister of Education Don McRae. The federal and provincial governments as well as the City of Burnaby have contributed to the project and the school embraces the best in environmental sustainability.

Earlier in the day Mr. Hayes accompanied Minister McRae on a tour of Edmonds Community School and highlighted the importance of partnerships in making Edmonds and all of our schools such valuable resources to students and their families.

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**

### Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students

District Vision Learning Support Teacher Lori Bousfield described the annual Space Camp for Visually Impaired Students that is held at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama and attended by students from all over the world. Students Russell Leung and Manjeet Khurana shared with Trustees highlights of their trip.

### Advanced Learning Opportunities

Director of Instruction Wanda Mitchell and Advanced Learning Helping Teachers Ellen Leroux and Kathryn Wood provided an overview of the grade 2/3 and grade 4/5 Challenge programs. The programs are designed to supplement existing classroom options and initiatives and to foster the potential of gifted learners.

Parents Karri Davidson and Laura D'Amico shared the experiences of their children who attend the Challenge programs.

### District Student Enrolment

Acting Superintendent Heather Hart presented the preliminary enrolment report for the 2012/2013 school year. K-12 school-aged enrolment is below the district's projections by 143.5 FTE students.

### Organization of Classes for the 2012/2013 School Year

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Kaardal presented the Superintendent's report on the organization of classes for the 2012/2013 school year in accordance with Section 76.1 of the School Act. Classes in the district have been reviewed, appropriate processes have occurred and, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Schools, school organizations are appropriate for student learning.

### Learning Improvement Fund

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Kaardal presented the district's spending plan for the Learning Improvement Funds ("LIF"). The purpose of the LIF is to identify which classes, if any, require additional resources to address learning improvements. District Reserve funds will be used to support learning needs that develop in the second semester as new students register with the district.

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

*THAT the Superintendent's report be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **District Operations – Administrative Services**

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

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

*THAT the Board send letters of appreciation to Premier Christy Clark and Minister of Education Don McRae, thanking them for their support and for attending the official opening of Burnaby Central Secondary School.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes  
Chair

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