

**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 7:00 pm on Monday, October 23, 2017.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno 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.

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of September 25, 2017 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Baljinder Narang, Vice-Chair, commented on the Curriculum Implementation Day she had just attended that focused entirely on Aboriginal Education. In the four years since the signing of the district's second Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement

the district has made clear the importance it attributes to Aboriginal Education. Burnaby Schools are playing a key role in the process of true reconciliation.

Larry Hayes commented on Trustees' participation in the first Burnaby Public Library Quiz Night held at the Metrotown Branch. It had been an exciting event, several teams had participated and Mayor Derek Corrigan had officiated as Master of Ceremonies.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Connecting Children to Community

Jolene Carlsen, Grade One teacher at Aubrey Elementary, explained the decision to move this year's Community Day outside. When asked about their fondest childhood memory, many teachers described an outdoor experience. Students had reacted with enthusiasm as they explored their neighbourhood and Burnaby Lake. Students Ashley and Billy Gray, Sienna Robinson and Kate, Jackson and Benjamin Adam told Trustees how much they had enjoyed the experience and all of them wanted to repeat it.

Global to Local: Bringing the World to our Students

Deirdre Moore, Global Learning Program Teacher, provided an overview of the Global Learning Program. Greg Neumann, Social Studies Department Head, Byrne Creek, told Trustees that students are the driving force behind the program; it gave students an opportunity to grow and to grow their knowledge of the world. Students Sameer Esmail, grade 11, Burnaby Mountain, and Dania Shaeab, grade 12, Burnaby Central spoke of their membership in the United Nations Connections Club and the impact it had had on their personal growth. Albert Lee, Technology Support, told Trustees that Burnaby is one of the few districts using industrial standard video conferencing for this program.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

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

THAT the Board of Education receive the Education Committee Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Policy Committee

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

THAT the Board of Education receive the Policy Committee Report and approve the recommendations contained therein, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

THAT the Board of Education receive the Youth and Community Services Committee Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Ron Burton
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer