

**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 7:15 pm on Monday, October 24, 2016.

Present

Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes and Baljinder Narang; Acting Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno, Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

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

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 Meiling Chia:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of September 26, 2016 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Heather Hart, Assistant Superintendent, welcomed some of the district's newest students who had just entered Kindergarten and Grade 12 graduates who had returned to receive the most prestigious award that Canadian students can receive – the Governor-General's Academic Medal.

Welcome to Kindergarten in Burnaby Schools

Stephanie Parkes, teacher at Brantford, introduced students Millen Uppal and Kennedi Deaust who shared with Trustees what they liked most about Kindergarten and how happy they were to start school.

Al Post, principal of Forest Grove, introduced Elliott Rees from the Mandarin Language Arts Program and his mother, Jennie Johnston. Elliott shared that he liked making a treat bag for Halloween and he counted from one to ten in Mandarin. Ms Johnston told Trustees she was pleased with the outdoor component of the program.

Ron Burton joined the meeting at 7:22 pm and assumed the chair. Gary Wong and Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, also joined the meeting.

2015-2016 Governor-General's Academic Medal Recipients

Principals and vice-principals from the district's eight secondary schools introduced their respective Governor-General's award winners and outlined their tremendous achievements. The award winners were: Laichen Ma (Alpha), Melissa Luo (Burnaby Central), Natasha Carson (Burnaby Mountain), Sherry Zhang (Burnaby North), Nikola Deretic (Byrne Creek), Gillian Xu (Burnaby South), Natalie Warkentin (Cariboo Hill) and Angela Lin (Moscrop).

Trustees presented the Governor-General's medals and certificates, as well as certificates of congratulations from the Board, to those students who were present and to the parent representatives of those students who were unable to attend the meeting.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the letter from Stan Kutcher, Sun Life Financial Chair in Adolescent Mental Health, regarding mental health literacy, be received and referred to the Education Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

It was moved by Katrina Chen and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Policy Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received, as amended to show that Trustee Larry Hayes attended the meeting.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

New Business

It was moved by Harman Pander and seconded by Katrina Chen:

THAT the Burnaby Board of Education publicly reiterates its belief in the vital role of, and important need for, democratically, locally-elected boards of education across the province and calls upon the provincial government to call a school trustee election for the Vancouver School Board as soon as possible.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Katrina Chen:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer