

**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 7:10 pm on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

Present

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Ron Burton, Tony Coccia, Diana Mumford, Baljinder Narang, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart, Kevin Kaardal and Gina Niccoli-Moen and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegation

Mr. Gordon World made a presentation on Out in Schools, a teacher's resource.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Tony Coccia:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of October 11, 2011 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes commented on the sixty-sixth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations by fifty nations on October 24, 1945. United Nations Day is now celebrated in the 189 member states of the UN. It is celebrated in hundreds of communities across Canada, including Burnaby.

On October 23 Mr. Hayes represented the Board at a ceremony recognizing the Leadership Team at Edmonds Community School. The team was presented with the John Gibbard Award by the Vancouver Branch of the United Nations Association of Canada in acknowledgement of their work in the spirit of the United Nations.

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

Youth Ambassadors

Burnaby North teacher Dayna Webb gave a brief history of the Youth Leadership Program. It is sponsored by the US State Department and works through the vehicle of a tri-lateral exchange. The program aims to foster cultural understanding through volunteerism. This year the program hosted three Canadian Cities, three American cities and three Mexican cities. Burnaby North students Emma Fingler, Jason Nib and Chris Chiavatti provided an overview of their participation in the program and the action projects they intend to develop in their home community this school year.

2010-2011 Governor-General's Academic Medal Recipients

The Governor-General's Academic Medal award was created in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across Canada. The medals are awarded to the student graduating with the highest grade-point average from each secondary school, as well as approved college or university programs.

Principals Ron Hall, Garth Errico, Kevin Brandt, Gordon Li, Sue Montabello and Victoria Lee and Vice-Principal Lee Ane Kristmanson introduced their medal

winners: Kevin Hua (Alpha), Belle Shih (Burnaby Central), Aaron Prosch (Burnaby Mountain), Paula Hsien (Burnaby North), Amy Wu (Burnaby South), Mathew Teoh (Cariboo Hill) and Christina Guan Moscrop). Many of the students were accompanied by their proud parents and siblings. Byrne Creek recipient Lily Tan was not present as she has moved to Ontario to attend Queen's University.

From Bombs to Books

Edmonds Community School Principal David Starr explained the genesis of his book that describes the upheavals faced by many of his students and their families and how they managed to flee some of the most dangerous countries in the world. Mr. Starr stated that net proceeds from the book are returned to the families.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the letter from Debra Pool, President, Canadian Parents for French, regarding CPF's Annual General Meeting and Conference November 4-6 be received.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Tony Coccia:

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

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

Trustees and senior staff responded to questions from the floor.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes
Chair

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