

**MINUTES
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 Board Room at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

Present

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment moved the New Business item to follow the Board Chair Report.

Delegation

Mr. Peter Cech and his daughter, Nicola, made a presentation on CISV. The organization, originally formed in 1951, brings together young people from different backgrounds and helps them develop leadership skills that will assist them make a positive difference in the world. Mr. Cech requested the Board's permission to promote CISV in the district's elementary schools. Nicola shared with Trustees her experience of the CISV camp she attended last year in Fredericton.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT Mr. Cech's presentation and request to promote CISV in the district be referred to staff.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of October 14, 2014 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Baljinder Narang reflected on Burnaby's diverse community and noted some of the Board's accomplishments that had helped create inclusive, safe and welcoming learning environments. Ms Narang highlighted the establishment of eight community schools; *Body Worlds and the Brain*, an innovative program used to ease stress among immigrant and refugee students who have experienced trauma; the work that has been achieved in supporting Aboriginal student success and the increase in International Student enrolment.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

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

Carried unanimously.

New Business

Child Care Facilities Agreement

The Burnaby School District and the City of Burnaby have identified an opportunity to create new child care facilities on school sites throughout the city. Through the development of a Memorandum of Agreement ("MOU") the City would fund the capital costs for the development of up to twelve child care facilities on school district lands. The school district would provide sites for the facilities and manage the operation of the facilities by non-profit child care providers.

The Burnaby School District currently has 21 child care centres with a total of 777 spaces located within schools or on school grounds. The proposed development of up to 12 child care facilities in partnership with the City of Burnaby would strengthen and expand child care services in school communities. These new child care facilities would be developed without any cost to the school district.

With school district and council approval of the MOA, it is anticipated that work on the first child care facility would commence this coming year, with additional facilities to follow thereafter.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the City of Burnaby for the provision of child care facilities, as outlined.

Board Chair Baljinder Narang signed the Memorandum of Agreement in the presence of City Councillors Pietro Calendino, Dan Johnston, Colleen Jordan, Anne Kang and Paul McDonell.

Superintendent's Report

2013-2014 Governor-General Academic Medal Recipients

Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal gave an overview of the Academic Medals that had been created in 1873 and are now the most prestigious award that students in Canadian schools can receive. Principals and Vice-Principals from the district's secondary schools spoke of the tremendous achievements of their respective Academic Medal recipients: Mohammad Asadi Lari (Alpha), Justin Lin (Byrne Creek), Anna Ye (Burnaby South), Nancy Lum (Burnaby North), Zahra Rajwani (Burnaby Mountain), Jenny Zhang (Moscrop), Natasha Williams (Cariboo Hill) and Pasindu Muthukuda (Burnaby Central).

Board Chair Baljinder Narang presented certificates of congratulation to those students who were present or to their parent representatives.

Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence 2014

The Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence, now in its 20th year, honours outstanding and innovative elementary and secondary teachers in all disciplines.

Burnaby South Secondary Principal Lee Anne Kristmanson introduced Math and Calculus Teacher Amos Lee who had been awarded a Certificate of Achievement for his efforts to make math a fun learning experience. Mr. Lee thanked the Board and the District for its support of teachers.

Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement 2014-2019

Director of Instruction Wanda Mitchell and Vice-Principal Aboriginal Education Brandon Curr presented an overview of the two-year consultation process to develop the district's second Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement. The agreement will be formally signed on November 6 at Burnaby Central Secondary School.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

Committees

Buildings and Grounds Committee

It was moved by James Wang and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

International Education Committee

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the International Education Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Policy Committee

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

THAT the Policy Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

BC ACCORN

On October 14 the Board received a presentation by Mr. Scott Nunn, Head Organizer, BC ACORN, and Ms. Jacqueline Hardy regarding ACORN's Digital Access to Opportunities campaign. Mr. Nunn requested the Board endorse ACORN's call for the provision of affordable internet access for low-income families. The presentation was referred to staff for further information.

After review, the Superintendent recommended that the Board endorse ACORN's Digital Access to Opportunities campaign to provide affordable and accessible internet and the associated connection devices to low-income families.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the Board of Education endorse ACORN's Digital Access to Opportunities campaign and that a letter be sent to Mr. Nunn informing him of the Board's decision.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Baljinder Narang
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer