

**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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Present

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

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Baljinder Narang presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools.

Minutes

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by James Wang:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session of October 25, 2011 be approved,
as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Hayes commented on the upcoming municipal elections on November 19. Mr. Hayes encouraged all citizens to cast their ballot and vote. The outcome of the election will influence the direction of some very important issues.

Chair Hayes pointed out that there are twenty-three candidates running for seven school trustee positions. He thanked all candidates for putting their names forward.

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

THAT the Board Chair Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Edmonds Leadership Team Students Win John Gibbard Award

Edmonds Community School Teachers, Karolyn Washtock and Lydia Legebokoff, introduced members of the Edmonds leadership team, who were recognized for their dedication and commitment on working to make the world a better place. They received the John Gibbard Award, which is presented annually by the United Nations Association in Canada in memory of John Gibbard, a supporter of the League of Nations.

Two of the students from the 50-member team, Jennifer Mascardo, Grade 7, and Marium Rahimi, Grade 5, shared their experiences of helping others and how they learned to become leaders, be good role models and care for others by taking responsibility. One of the projects they participated in was to help support and build a school in a village in the Congo.

Remembrance Day Poster Contest

Burnaby North Secondary School Vice-Principal, David Mushens introduced grade 11 student Atalanta Shi, the first prize winner of the Remembrance Day poster contest.

The Royal Canadian Legion has sponsored the annual Remembrance Day poster contest for over 50 years and judging takes place locally and nationally. Atalanta traveled to Ottawa to participate in the National Memorial Remembrance Day Ceremony, where she placed a wreath on behalf of the Youth of Canada. She met

with the Governor General, received a personal plaque and cash award. Her poster is on display at the National War Museum in Ottawa until May 2012.

District Student Advisory Committee (DSAC)

Director of Instruction, Reno Ciolfi introduced the District Student Advisory Committee – a group of students representing each of the secondary schools in Burnaby. The students recently participated in DSAC’s annual retreat at the North Vancouver Outdoor School in Brackendale. The students participated in a number of valuable workshops including, team-building, public education governance, Aboriginal education, student engagement, and effective meeting and communication strategies.

Secondary students Ryan Hirakida, Grade 12 Burnaby Central, Kieren Gadhia, Grade 10 Burnaby Mountain, Gina Leong, Grade 11 Burnaby Mountain, Allie Graham, Grade 11 Cariboo Hill, Janelle Tasker, Grade 11 Byrne Creek, Tristan Yan, Grade 11 Moscrop, and Jennifer Hao, Grade 12 Burnaby North, shared their experiences and their plans for the year. These include; district-wide Health-in-Motion days, the annual DSAC fundraiser, environmental sustainability, school completion and beyond.

James Wang left the meeting at 7:50 pm.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

James Wang returned to the meeting at 7:52 pm.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

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

THAT the Policy Committee Report be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

The Chair responded to questions from the floor.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry Hayes
Chair

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