

**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 Boardroom at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

Present

Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Katrina Chen, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Acting Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell; and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

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

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of October 27, 2015 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Vice-Chair Harman Pandher commented that it is both our honour and our duty to pay tribute to veterans and those lost in former wars, including many who had

attended Burnaby schools. It was also a time to recognize our current Canadian Armed Forces members.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Green Champions

Ron Hall, Director of Instruction, outlined the district's long-standing relationship with BC Hydro to support the district's energy reduction initiatives. One of this initiative's key goals is to change behaviours and identify students and staff to help support sustainable energy use. As part of the relationship with BC Hydro, the district had nominated three *Green Champions* who were among the over 150 honoured by BC Hydro on October 28, 2015 at the BCIT downtown campus in Vancouver.

Mr. Hall introduced Bert Gunter, Custodian at Stride Avenue and Taylor Park Elementary Schools, Marilyn Williams, Teacher Librarian from Burnaby Mountain Secondary School, and Josh Munro, District Energy Specialist. Each *Green Champion* winner shared their efforts to make a difference in their respective workplaces. Mr. Munro thanked all those who work hard every day to conserve energy but did not win awards.

District Student Advisory Council

Mr. Hall introduced four members of the DSAC executive for 2015-2016: Serene Carter, President, Reece Avila and Gresa Ibra, Co-Secretaries, and Owen Yin, Public Relations Representative. The students highlighted the leadership retreat held early in the fall where new council members had come together as a group and had set their goals for the current school year. DSAC's goals this year include promoting volunteer/work experience and starting a Facebook page to have students share their volunteer/work experience. One of DSAC's main activities each year is the organization of the *Burnaby's Got Talent* show at the Michael J Fox Theatre. Proceeds from this year's event will go to the Hub. They were also looking at organizing a smaller event to benefit the Hub, such as a district-wide food or clothing bank.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Committees

Policy Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton
Chair

D. Greg Frank, CPA, CA
Secretary-Treasurer