

**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 7:00 pm on Monday, November 14, 2016.

**Present**

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang and Gary Wong; Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno 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 Larry Hayes:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of October 24, 2016 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Board Chair Report**

Trustee Baljinder Narang commented that on this day Sikhs around the world were celebrating the birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, and reflecting on his teachings.

Board Chair Ron Burton commented that there had been big events occurring around the world including the US presidential election and the Supreme Court ruling on class size and composition; but personal tragedy supersedes everything. He informed the meeting that Alexa Moen, the daughter of the district's Superintendent, recently passed away. The tragedy has hit the entire Board and staff and he thanked the senior admin staff for their support.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Heather Hart, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Superintendent's Report that focussed on the dedication and passion of district students.

### Youth Summit 2016

Sue Dorey, Manager Safe & Caring Schools, provided background on the Youth Summit organized by the district's youth services workers that was now in its sixth year. It brings together students in Grades 8-12 for a day of workshops that are held at different sites each year.

Suzanne Vardy, Child Abuse Prevention Coordinator, showed a presentation on this year's Youth Summit and the various workshops that had been organized. Students Esther Basabase, Fabian Ortiz and Joshua Raul talked about the workshops they attended, the comfortable and fun environment and how interesting it was to see other students' passions.

### District Student Advisory Council (DSAC)

Ron Hall, Director of Instruction, commented on the spectacular location of this year's DSAC retreat that had been held at the North Shore Outdoor School in Pemberton. It had enabled participants to see a part of BC and encounter wildlife they had never seen before.

Gresa Ibra, DSAC Chairperson, introduced Nick William, Vice-Chairperson, and June Lee, Student Voice Representative. The students described the activities they had participated in during the retreat and the workshops they had attended. This

year's Executive will be examining DSAC's role and how its voice is represented in the district, starting with a student government/DSAC retreat on November 25.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### Education Committee

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

*THAT the Education 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 Gary Wong:

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

Carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

Trustees were informed of the deadline for the submission of motions to the BCPSEA Annual General Meeting to be held January 27, 2017.

Ron Burton welcomed Russell Horswill, the district's new Secretary-Treasurer, and congratulated Roy Uyeno on his new position of Deputy Secretary-Treasurer.

## **Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:44 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton  
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer