

## BURNABY BOARD OF EDUCATION – BOARD CHAIR REPORT

### PUBLIC BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 22, 2011

With the civic elections now behind us, I want to thank the citizens of Burnaby who took time out of their busy schedules and participated in the fundamental democratic process of voting for those who will represent their interests in various aspects of their everyday lives for the next three years. With the results, our public spoke loud and clear ... Burnaby IS a great place to learn!

Although the election allowed us to boast about the excellent things that are happening in our schools ... it also gave opportunity for some of our opposition to try to damage the ongoing efforts being made by our Board, our staff, our partner groups and our students through the spread of misinformation, fear and lies about our District ... all for very cheap political gain. For this, they should be ashamed. Fortunately, Burnaby is a community filled with tolerant, respectful and knowledgeable citizens who rose to the occasion and gave us the mandate to continue to move our District forward.

I want to congratulate my incumbent colleagues for again topping the polls and being part of this great Board. I would also like to welcome our two new Trustee-elects in Meiling Chia and Harman Pandher, who will be sworn-in at our Inaugural Board meeting in early December. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our two departing Trustees, Tony Coccia and Diana Mumford, for passionately dedicating the past number of years to help build a strong and vibrant public education system in Burnaby. Both of you will be missed greatly and we all wish you well in your future endeavours.

Larry Hayes  
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