

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY**

A Public Session meeting of the Burnaby Board of Education was held in the Board Room at 7:10 pm on Tuesday, November 22, 2011.

Present

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

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Tony Coccia presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of November 8, 2011 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes thanked the Burnaby citizens who took time to vote in the municipal and school trustee elections on November 19 and commented on the campaign and the elections.

Mr. Hayes welcomed Trustees-Elect Meiling Chia and Harman Pandher who would be sworn in at the inaugural meeting in December. He expressed his appreciation to outgoing Trustees Tony Coccia and Diana Mumford for their dedication and assistance in building a strong and vibrant public education system in Burnaby.

Ron Burton expressed his thanks to Trustee Diana Mumford for her service and leadership. She left a legacy of caring for the district and the education system. He had also appreciated working with Trustee Tony Coccia and admired that Mr. Coccia always stuck by his principles. The Board had taken a stand on the protection of students and that was endorsed by the citizens of Burnaby. Mr. Burton expressed his appreciation for the support received from staff, students and the community.

Tony Coccia congratulated the new Board and wished them well. He thanked everyone he had worked with in the district. He said it had been an honour and a privilege to be a school trustee.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Me to We Day – A movement to Inspire Youth for Global Change

Alpha Secondary School teacher Sandra Chang, one of the sponsor teachers for *Me to We Day*, introduced students Sabrina Lalani, Natalie Beurivage and Tomas Lang. They outlined the activities of The Offence, an Alpha club formed by a group of students focussed on making a difference in the world. The club chooses a different charity to support each year and they described some of their past events. This year the group is donating to Canuck Place in Vancouver.

University Highlands Elementary School principal Lori Driussi introduced students Alex Arroyo, Hannah Corriveau, Belle Eist and Judy Xing. They described their plans for social action and Judy read to Trustees the essay she

prepared for *Me to We* day. Their focus is on Kenya through Free the Children's Adopt a Village program.

Burnaby Shares in the Success of Aboriginal Youth

District Vice-Principal, Aboriginal Education Lyn Daniels introduced Connor Levesque. He graduated from Moscrop Secondary School in June 2011 and is living proof of the difference that one person can make.

Connor described for Trustees how experiences in Burnaby schools have contributed to his achievement and prepared him for post-secondary education. He credited his caring and inspiring high school teachers, the compassionate and caring staff at Moscrop and the Aboriginal Circle program for his success. He believes schools need to teach leadership and self-confidence and that the use of technology in the classroom is very important.

Class Size and Composition

In accordance with Section 76 of the School Act, Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli presented his report on class size and composition outlining changes to date for the 2011/2012 school year.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the letter from Anne Skipsey, Acting City Clerk, acknowledging receipt of the Board's Vandalism Report, be received.

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 for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the BC Public School Employers' Association that will be held January 20-21, 2012.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the above information be received.

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Kaardal responded to questions from the floor.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes
Chair

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