

**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 28, 2016.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, 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 Harman Pandher:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Harman Pandher 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 November 14, 2016 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Ron Burton announced that the evening's board meeting was dedicated to a friend of the district – and an unsung hero – Ken Ryan. Ken has dedicated his life to supporting kids and he and his wife Lou have spent countless hours volunteering in the community, including collecting winter coats, organizing camps and putting together holiday hampers. They have spent countless hours volunteering at Lochdale Community School and Ken has played the role of Santa at the school's pancake breakfast for the past 20 years. Trustees wished to thank them both from the bottom of their hearts. As a small token of the Board's appreciation, Trustees presented a certificate of recognition to Ken and Lou, care of Dino Klarich, Principal of Lochdale Community School.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Community Schools in Burnaby: Partnering with our Community to Promote Healthy Living

Community schools were introduced in Burnaby in 1976 and staff have developed a great many partnerships and relationships with outside organizations since then. Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction, shared some examples of what community schools mean for Burnaby and showed the updated Community School Video.

Gayle Bevil, Second Street Community School Coordinator, introduced Denise Dupre from the BCIT nursing program. Ms. Dupre described the nursing students' involvement in a number of Burnaby school initiatives, including presenting workshops on nutrition, wellness, adaption issues faced by new immigrants, infant care and healthy child development, and their involvement with the youth parenting program at Burnaby South. The underlying focus is a deep concern for children and youth.

Bal Dhillon, Byrne Creek Community School Coordinator, highlighted a partnership with the Canadian Red Cross to train youth on issues of bullying, including cyber bullying, and violence prevention. These youth in turn will train younger students in their school community. Students Jasmine Morrison and Francesca Ferrareso described their participation in a two-day violence prevention symposium that covered issues such as communication skills, conflict resolution, sexual and emotional bullying, consent and communication of consent. They looked forward

to leading workshops on these issues and some of the more difficult topics will be presented by the students under the guidance of Mr. Dhillon.

2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships

Over 700 district elementary students recently had the opportunity to attend the 2016 World Taekwondo Junior Championships. The event was organized by the City and Tourism Burnaby in collaboration with the school district and was held at the Bill Copeland Arena from November 16-20. Leadership students from Alpha Secondary School volunteered during the event. Students from Lochdale and Edmonds Community Schools are also hosting Taekwondo workshops taught by local instructors from New Westminster Taekwondo and funded by Tourism Burnaby.

Dino Klarich, Principal of Lochdale, and Sean Gaster, Principal of Edmonds, introduced students who had attended the championships and participated in the workshops. Maria Spagnuolo, Dean Moro, David Cao and Joseph Gebreyes Guillen told Trustees how much they had enjoyed watching the championships and learning a about taekwondo.

Monica Frank, Vice-Principal, Alpha Secondary School, introduced student Josipa Kafadar who participated in the championships and finished eighth in the world. Josipa told Trustees she is looking forward to representing Canada in the Olympics one day.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the Buildings and Grounds 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.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed:

Ron Burton
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer