

**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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

Present

Trustees Larry Hayes (Chair), Ron Burton, Tony Coccia, Diana Mumford, Baljinder Narang and James Wang; 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 Ron Burton and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Ron Burton presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of September 13, 2011 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes commented on a number of recent stories and opinion columns in both Canadian and US media regarding later class starts for secondary school

students Chair Hayes indicated the topic is an interesting but complicated one and there are many factors involved. The district is currently not planning to change the start time for secondary students.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Begbie Canadian History Contest

Retired Social Studies teacher Charles Hou provided background on the Begbie contest and presented a brief outline of the kind of questions asked. Two former students from Burnaby North who had taken the exam in April 2011 shared with Trustees highlights of their experience. Out of 1,400 participating students across Canada, Jeffrey Tso came first in the province and will travel to Ottawa later this year to receive a medal from the Governor-General. Carolyn Shen tied for third place. Both credited their Social Studies teacher Dale Lintott for awakening their interest in history.

Burnaby North Secondary – Future Shop Generation Media Lab

In January Burnaby North Secondary School was awarded a \$50,000 grant from Future Shop to upgrade one classroom in the school. In order to receive the grant the school participated in a competition with over one hundred schools across Canada, six of which received \$50,000 each.

Burnaby North principal Kevin Brandt and students Daniella Wood (grade 11) and Tudor Barcan (grade 12) outlined the features of the new media lab and described some of its new technology, such as a dedicated server and top-of-the-line cameras, equipment that was not normally seen at the high school level.

Summer Session 2011

District Principal Donna Scott provided an overview of Summer Session 2011. It was the largest summer program enrolment in district history with 8,388 learners attending a wide variety of courses.

2011/2012 District Student Enrolment Projections

Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli reported on enrolment to date. Overall, the district's enrolment patterns remain stable. A final, detailed enrolment report as of the September 30 cut-off date and a class size report will be brought to the next meeting.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the letter from Charmaine Chin, Senior Program Manager, The Community Against Preventable Injuries, thanking the district for its participation in the Program's activities related to the Back to School initiative, be received.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the letter from Danyta Welch, Policy and Programs Officer, Local Government Services, regarding the 2010 School Community Connections grant for the renovation of the community room kitchen at Edmonds Community School, be received.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

It was moved by James Wang and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report be received with the report under item 6 – Vandalism amended to include a recommendation to share the vandalism report with the City of Burnaby and the Mayor’s Task Force on Graffiti.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno made a presentation on the district’s audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

Trustees and senior staff responded to questions from the floor.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Larry R. Hayes
Chair

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