

**MINUTES
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 Board Room at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Present

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

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegation

The following delegation presented regarding class size and composition;

- Richard Storch, President Burnaby Teachers Association

James Wang joined the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Good News

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

Minutes

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Tony Coccia:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of September 27, 2011 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Chair Larry Hayes commented on the Throne Speech delivered by the Provincial Government, and a number of initiatives outlined to improve the education system in British Columbia. Chair Hayes also referenced the Minister of Education's commitment to involve all stakeholders in the process and the importance of Teachers being at the heart of success in our education system.

Chair Hayes commented on the Government/Teacher negotiations and stated that he hopes that no one loses sight of what we are all striving to achieve in Burnaby. Through cooperation with our partner groups, we are striving to create and maintain the best public education system possible for our learners.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint

Director of Instruction, Reno Ciolfi provided an overview of the Board of Education's environmental sustainability initiatives. Over the past three years the school district has realized significant reductions in consumption of electricity and natural gas, and green house gas emissions.

Manager Facility Services, Matt Foley and Energy Specialist Luisa Galuppo, presented specific examples of how the district has reduced its carbon footprint. The presentation included information about facility upgrades, and steps taken to change behaviors and attitudes with students and staff. The Burnaby School District is a provincial leader in energy management.

Organization of Classes for the 2011 – 2012 School Year

Assistant Superintendent, Kevin Kaardal presented a report on the organization of classes, as legislated by the Ministry of Education. He highlighted the class size and organization requirements, as required by the provisions of Section 76 of the School Act. The report on the organization of classes was submitted to the Board of Education and the District Parent Advisory Council on September 29, 2011. Highlights of the report include:

- In elementary schools, 571 classes K-7 are below the allowable class size limits. There are 24 individual classes with more than 30 students, in band, choir and music classes with teacher consent.
- In secondary schools, 2,685 classes (99%) are at or below allowable class size limits and 40 classes (1%) exceed 30 students. Supports have been put in place to ensure that the learning conditions in classes are appropriate.

District Student Enrolment

The preliminary enrolment counts for the 2011 – 2012 school year have been finalized and reported to the Ministry of Education.

The K-12 enrolment is below the district's projections by 36 FTE students. On September 30th, enrolment was 23,652 FTE students. This number does not include distributed learning, continuing education and international education programs.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the letter from Charley Beresford, Executive Director, Columbia Institute, regarding carbon neutral legislation and its impact on school districts be received and referred to the Building and Grounds Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

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

THAT the Education Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Tony Coccia:

THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by;

Larry Hayes
Chair

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