

**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 Administration Office at 6:57 pm on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Meiling Chia, 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, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment moved the Board Chair Report to New Business.

Delegations

Darlene James and Helen Stolte, retired district employees, made a presentation on the work of the Burnaby Youth Society and the Burnaby Children's Fund, started by volunteer teachers and counsellors in response to the needs of many Burnaby children who live in poverty. Although earlier records were not available, a total of \$899,474.72 had been distributed to Burnaby children, youth and their families during the period 2006 to 2017.

Good News

Larry Hayes presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of May 28, 2018 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

We For She Burnaby

Victoria Lee, principal of Burnaby South Secondary School, introduced students Mandy Huyn and Guneet Pooni.

Mandy told Trustees that *We For She* encourages women to go into leadership positions. Her work with *We For She* Vancouver, run through the Vancouver Board of Trade, had led to her selection as part of a four-person panel that asked questions of former First Lady Michelle Obama during a recent Vancouver Board of Trade event.

Guneet, founder of Burnaby South's Fem Club, explained that Mandy's work with the Vancouver Board of Trade conference led them to design and organize the *We For She* Burnaby conference focused on finding strong role models for youth in the district.

Raising Autism Awareness Project

Debbie Siu, grade 2/3 teacher at Gilmore Community School, and Bev Gilliam, Education Assistant at Gilpin Elementary School, outlined their project to raise awareness about autism and support fundraising for the Canucks Autism Network (CAN). The joint school-wide buddy project saw students designing individual puzzle pieces to show that everyone is unique and part of a bigger puzzle. The students of the two schools then met for an afternoon to assemble their collaborative puzzle. Following an evening fundraiser, \$5,000 had been donated to CAN.

Students Kaitlynn Siu and Charlotte Johannes from Gilpin and Chiara Cuccione and Kyla Norton from Gilmore shared what they had learned from the joint project. Student Cameron Siu read aloud a poem he had written for his sister Kaitlin. The students also showed a video documenting the project.

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Harman Pandher 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

School Fees

Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, presented the schedule of school fees for the 2018/2019 school year. The proposed fees meet the requirements of the

School Act and the district has a policy in place to assist any student who is not able to afford the fees.

It was moved by Meiling Chia and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the Board of Education approve the 2018/2019 school fee schedule, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Ron Burton announced that he would be resigning as Board Chair effective June 24. He said he had been honoured to serve as a Trustee and Board Chair and appreciated the support of his fellow Trustees.

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

That the resignation of Ron Burton be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Ron Burton
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer