



Board Chair Report

Inaugural Public Board Meeting—Board Chair Report

Monday, November 26, 2018

Good evening and thank you all for being here this evening.

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks and appreciation to the residents of Burnaby for electing us to represent the interests of Burnaby's public schools as your school trustees. You have entrusted us with the task of continuing to move the Burnaby School District forward, and ensuring that we meet the growing and changing needs of our learners.

I would like to extend a special thank you to outgoing board members, Ron Burton, Harman Pandher, Meiling Chia and Baljinder Narang, for their dedication in serving the Board for many respective terms.

As I welcome back to the table Trustee Larry Hayes, I know that he will join me in extending a warm welcome to our new trustees, Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Ryan Stewart and Jen Mezei. I look forward to working with each one of you.

Together, we will continue to build our working relationships with all of our partner groups—students, parents, support staff, teachers and our school principals and vice-principals—and we extend a warm welcome to the presidents from each of these groups and the community partners who are here with us this evening.

We look forward to beginning work on a new strategic plan as well as gaining insight through our Indigenous Equity Scan process. Together we will ensure that the learning experience of all of our students is enhanced and that each child is reaching their full potential.

At this time I would like to acknowledge the commitment and innovation of all school district staff and to recognize the leadership of our senior management team. Your hard work and dedication are integral to the success of this district. As the Board of Education, it is our honour and privilege to continue to support the learning needs of the Burnaby community. Thank you for your continued support and thank you for your interest in public education in Burnaby.

**Gary Wong
Chair, Burnaby Board of Education**