

**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 7:05 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Present

Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes, Jen Mezei and Ryan Stewart; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Peter Cech:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

Clint Morrison made a presentation on the importance of the Special Olympics and the funds he has raised to date for the games.

Minutes

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Bill Brassington:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of February 26, 2019 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Gary Wong spoke of the importance of the various programs provided to students and the community during the upcoming two-week spring break. From international field trips to in-school programs for childcare and day camps organized with community partners, the district recognized the need to provide students and families with opportunities, even when school is not in session.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Peter Cech:

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

Carried unanimously.

Inside Burnaby Schools

Peter Cech outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as attached.

Superintendent`s Report

Design Thinking

The redesigned curriculum includes a curricular area focused on bringing together aspects of science, technology, engineering, arts and math, commonly known as STEAM. By learning design thinking from a young age, with an emphasis of developing knowledge in teams, students build a deeper understanding of how the world works.

Wendell Hiltz, Principal of Seaforth Elementary School, outlined the “Most Magnificent Thing” project where students were asked to create objects from recycled cardboard. Students Alyson Vo-Tran (grade 4), demonstrated the fussball table she had created and Kai Buysse (grade 7) demonstrated his water dispenser.

Stephen Cook, teacher at Byrne Creek Community School, outlined the school’s participation in the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics initiative in Victoria. Students Justin Viacrusis and Jeffery Lee (grade 10) Mehmet Talha Orenli and Giovanni Ferraresso (grade 11) and Wayne Ma (grade 12) demonstrated the robot they had built.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Bill Brassington:

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

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

THAT the Finance Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Jen Mezei:

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

Carried unanimously.

New Business

Feasibility Study – Before and After School Childcare

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, and Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent, made a presentation on the Feasibility Study.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

THAT the Board of Education direct staff to engage in the development of a Project Definition Report to explore options for before and after school childcare programs;

AND THAT the Board of Education direct staff to report back through the Buildings & Grounds Committee on the capital project process which will explore options for before and after school childcare programs.

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

Trustees and senior staff replied to questions from the floor.

Adjournment

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Gary Wong
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer