

**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 7:03 pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

Present

Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes and Jen Mezei; 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

Jim Irwin, Chair of the Burnaby Teacher-Librarians' Association, shared with trustees some of the collaborative work the BTLA has been doing in schools, using a wide variety of 21st century literacies such as teaching students to bead their names using binary codes in ADST, VEX IQ robotics and stop animation.

Inside Burnaby Schools

Bill Brassington outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of April 23, 2019 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Grade 7 Bands Participate in Canada's National Music Festival

Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction, outlined the district's longstanding elementary band program that has over 1,200 participants. The bands in three-quarters of the district's elementary schools are led by an itinerant band teacher.

Peter Wenzek, itinerant band teacher, introduced the combined grade 7 band from Westridge Elementary and Stride Avenue Community schools. After only their second time of playing together the students had entered the Vancouver Kiwanis Band Festival and so impressed the adjudicators that they had been invited to attend Music Fest, Canada's national music festival. The students played two selections - Kitty Hawk March and Aztec Sunrise, both by John Edmondson.

Burnaby Schools Excel at Science Fairs

Donna Morgan, Science and Mathematics Program Consultant, outlined the science fair process whereby students start their research in October, hold in-class science fairs in January and the finalists are chosen to present at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair at UBC in April. This year 19 of the district's projects won awards at the UBC fair and almost half of the 300 participants were Burnaby students. Eight students went on to participate in the Canada-Wide Science Fair held May 15-17 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Claire Scrimini (grade 10), co-winner with her sister of the Excellence Award – Intermediate Gold Medal, Challenge Award, described their project to create a bio-fuel for cars using a combination of fungi and algae they had grown at home and experimented on using lab facilities at SFU.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

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

THAT the joint letter from Jagmeet Singh, MP, Leader of Canada's NDP and MP for Burnaby South and Peter Julian, MP for New Westminster-Burnaby, to The Honourable Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, requesting increased settlement support for refugee immigrants, including adequate funding and the removal of onerous administrative restrictions, be received.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT a letter be sent to Mr. Singh and Mr. Julian thanking them for their support.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Buildings and Grounds Committee

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Education Committee

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by Peter Cech:

THAT the Education 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 amended to show that the date of the next meeting has to be decided.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by Peter Cech:

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Gary Wong
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer