

**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, November 26, 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 Bill Brassington:

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Inside Burnaby Schools**

Ryan Stewart 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 October 15, 2019 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT the minutes of the Special Public Session meeting of November 12, 2019 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Gary Wong stated that the district was proud of its partnerships and that engaging and collaborating with educational and community partners is one of the priorities of the district's strategic plan. Partnerships strengthen all that we do.

Mr. Wong described the recent Blessing Ceremony for a Coast Salish Storyboard at Alpha Secondary School, a project that had come together through the work of many partners. Later in the evening the meeting would hear about another partnership that had created the Burnaby Children's Charter.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### The Burnaby Children's Charter

A children's charter helps schools, communities and organizations embed the principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child into their work. Sherri Brattston, Coordinator Community Services, Kamala Sproule, Early Childhood Development Table Community Coordinator and Taylor Morton, Program Officer, BC, Equitas International Centre for Human Rights, outlined the development of the Charter.

Students Stefano Bosquet (Grade 7), Sperling Elementary, Jonas Ribeiro (Grade 6) and his sister Nadia (Grade 4), Taylor Park Elementary, read out all the rights listed on the Burnaby Children's Charter.

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

*THAT the Superintendent's Report be received, and that the Board of Education endorse the Burnaby Children's Charter, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Correspondence**

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

*THAT the letter from Melissa MacAdam, National President of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Canada, outlining the benefits of the award, be received.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### Buildings and Grounds Committee

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

*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 Peter Cech and seconded by Jen Mezei:

*THAT the Education Committee Report be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### Policy Committee

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

*THAT the Policy Committee Report of the October 15 meeting be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT the Policy Committee Report of the November 18 meeting be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, 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 Bill Brassington and seconded by Peter Cech:

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

Carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent, presented an update on the district's before and after school childcare initiative.

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

*THAT the information be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Question Period**

Trustees and senior staff responded to a question from the floor.

**Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

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Gary Wong  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer