

**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 7:06 pm on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

**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, Richard Per 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.

**Delegation**

At the request of Clint Morrison, the meeting observed a moment of silence in memory of Kobe Bryant.

Mr. Morrison outlined his fundraising initiatives to date for the Special Olympics. Surrey will host the 2021 Special Olympics BC Summer Games in July. He thanked board members for their continued support of the Special Olympics.

**Inside Burnaby Schools**

Larry Hayes outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as attached.

## **Minutes**

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

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of December 10, 2019 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Jen Mezei:

*THAT the minutes of the Special Public Session meeting of January 22, 2020 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Gary Wong thanked all district employees for their dedication and hard work to keep Burnaby schools open during the recent snow falls.

Mr. Wong commented on preparations for the 2020/21 school year and the various open houses and information evenings that had been held to showcase the available educational options and Programs of Choice.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Larry Hayes:

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent`s Report**

### Social Emotional Learning

Sheri Brattston, Coordinator of Community Education Services, gave an overview of social emotional learning, a process through which children and adults acquire and apply the skills necessary to understand emotions.

A. Roots of Empathy

Lisa Pitt, Principal of Morley Elementary School, and Trish Dillabough and Maria Kerekes, Roots of Empathy Coordinators, outlined the Roots of Empathy program. Grade 6/7 students Hadya Arziab, Liezel Baquiran and Angela Dragutinovic described what they had learned from the program.

B. Boys Club

Nick Christofides, Vice-Principal of Byrne Creek Community Secondary School, provided some background on the club. Bal Dhillon, Community Coordinator, and Constable Mathieu Lesquelin, from the Burnaby RCMP, described the impact the rapidly expanding club has had on students. Semir Hasic, and Simon Tewdoros shared what the club has meant for them.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

**Correspondence**

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

*THAT the letter from Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson, enclosing the quarterly report for the district for the period July 1 – September 30, 2019, be received.*

Carried unanimously.

**Committee Reports**

Education Committee

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Bill Brassington:

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

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee

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

*THAT the Finance 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 December 16, 2019 meeting be received, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT the Policy Committee Report of the January 20, 2020 meeting be received, and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Larry Hayes 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**

Three-Year District Calendar

Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, presented the proposed school calendar for 2020/21 to 2022/23. The calendar had gone through a rigorous consultation process and aligns with other Metro districts.

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

*THAT the Board of Education receive this information and approve the adoption of the Three-Year District Calendar, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:50 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

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Gary Wong  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer