

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY**

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 – Burnaby was held via video conference at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 8, 2020.

**Present**

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

**Agenda**

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

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Inside Burnaby Schools**

Trustees outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as attached.

**Minutes**

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

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of November 24, 2020 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Board Chair Report**

Jen Mezei welcomed everyone to the final board meeting of the year. This was a very different year-end as many holiday concerts and events had had to be cancelled or changed to virtual events. Ms. Mezei thanked the dedicated teachers, staff and parent volunteers who had worked so hard to make the season shine.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Students Share Holiday Joy with Seniors

Maria Perez, Gilmore Community School Principal told Trustees that many events had had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. Some, however, were just too important to the students' connectivity to the community and had gone ahead with the necessary safety protocols in place. The Jingle Bell Walk was one of those events.

Mischa Greenwood, Gilmore Community School Coordinator, showed a slide show of the Walk. Students in festive gear had paraded their way to Seton Villa retirement home to bring some holiday magic to the seniors. Parents had also organized a drive-through food drop-off.

Student Lexie McCabe told Trustees that students are now delivering personalized cards and hand-made crafts to the seniors every Friday. Her mother, Marcy McCabe, described the gratitude of the seniors and the spirit and excitement the parade had generated.

### Action Against Racism

Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent, updated Trustees on the district's action against racism. The Ad Hoc Anti-Racism Working Group had met twice and will meet twice a month during the school year. Discussions were underway on the establishment of an engagement process for the school district community and how the process could be made accessible and reachable during the pandemic.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **District Operations – Administrative Services**

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Business Services Report**

### Parkcrest Right-of-Way and Covenant Bylaw 2020

Mr. Horswill introduced the Parkcrest Right-of-Way and Covenant Bylaw 2020. The City of Burnaby and the School District had finalized a land consolidation and land exchange for the Parkcrest Elementary School property to facilitate the Preliminary Project Approval and Building Permit for the school partial replacement seismic project. The land exchange bylaw had been approved at the June 2020 board meeting. The subdivision now required the granting of statutory rights-of-way for BC Hydro and Telus infrastructure and for the City to establish connecting walkways and protect existing infrastructure as well as a covenant to allow the City to register the site storm water management plan.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT Parkcrest Right-of-Way and Covenant Bylaw 2020 receive three readings at this Board meeting held December 8, 2020.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Parkcrest Right-of-Way and Covenant Bylaw 2020 be read a first time.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Parkcrest Right-of-Way and Covenant Bylaw 2020 be approved a first time and read a second time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT Parkcrest Land Exchange and Covenant Bylaw 2020 be approved a second time and read a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Parkcrest Right-of-Way and Covenant Bylaw 2020 be approved a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Parkcrest Right-of-Way and Covenant Bylaw 2020 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020; that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign the bylaw; and that the bylaw be sealed with the corporate seal of the Board.*

Carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

### Board Procedural Bylaw 2021

Jen Mezei introduced the Board Procedural Bylaw 2021. The bylaw reflected updates to the Board's policies and practices and the most substantive change was to the committee structure.

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

*THAT the Board of Education approve Board Procedural Bylaw 2021 for circulation as Notice of Motion for consideration at the January 26, 2021 Regular Meeting.*

Carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

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Jen Mezei  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer