

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

A Public Session meeting of the Committee of the Whole, Board of Education of School District 41 – Burnaby was held via video conference at 5:03 pm on Monday, February 8, 2021.

**Present**

Trustees Jen Mezei (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes, Ryan Stewart and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Jeannette Laursoo, Richard Per and Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray, Executive Assistant Charran Millsip and Partners David Greve (BPVPA President), Paul Simpson (CUPE President), Daniel Tetrault (BTA President), Laura Ward (DPAC Chair) and Lilah Williamson (DSAC President)

Jen Mezei, Chair acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new Committee of the Whole and made introductions all around.

**Confirmation of Agenda**

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Gary Wong:

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Updated Procedural Bylaw 2021**

The Chair referred to the updated Procedural Bylaw 2021 and reviewed the new terms of reference for the Committee of the Whole which covers topics previously handled in Committees such as Education, Buildings and Grounds, Youth and Community Services and Policy. The meeting is open to the public and is a forum to encourage dialogue from our partners, students and parents on the topics presented to assist the Board to make informed decisions affecting the education of students.

## **New Business**

### Planning for September 2021

Wanda Mitchell and Jeannette Laursoo, Assistant Superintendents reviewed the material provided in the agenda package. Information and data collected was presented for an anticipated Stage 1 full return to school in September. The data comprises feedback from students in grades 6-12, parents/guardians and staff including BTA, CUPE, BPVPA and district exempt professional staff.

The following themes / areas of focus emerged for consideration in planning for September 2021:

- Student achievement / work habits
- Mental well-being and social emotional learning (SEL)
- Quarter vs. semester vs. linear
- Remote learning opportunities
- Flexible / staggered schedules
- Community building

The Chair opened the floor to the Partners who provided feedback on the survey and considerations for planning for September from the community or group they represent.

### Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Courses

Ms. Laursoo presented rationale for seven new BAA courses including Hip Hop Literacy 12, Astronomy 11 – The Solar System, Developing English Strategies 10, Expanding English Strategies 10, World Dance 10, World Dance 11, and World Dance 12. Hip Hop Literacy 12 will provide students an opportunity to analyze hip hop lyrics, aesthetics, and values, as well as themes around Truth and Reconciliation, and decolonization by analyzing lyrics of Indigenous hip hop artists. Astronomy 11 – The Solar System is an introductory course on the history of astronomy and our solar system. Developing English Strategies 10 is designed to assist students in developing strategies needed to read, write and extract information successfully in English. Expanding English Strategies 10 will focus on developing strategies needed to respond successfully in English. World Dance 10 provides students opportunities to team build and share their learning with others while building critical thinking strategies to solve problems in a team environment. World Dance 11 expands on World Dance 10 and provides an opportunity to lead and think critically when presented with new problems. World Dance 12 expands on World Dance 11 and allows students to master various forms of dance technique, develop important leadership skills, and critically think about the world around them at the local and global levels.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

*THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the following new Board/Authority Authorized courses: Hip Hop Literacy 12, Astronomy 11 – The Solar System, Developing English Strategies 10, Expanding English Strategies 10, World Dance 10, World Dance 11, and World Dance 12.*

Carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Gary Wong:

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:23 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

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Jen Mezei  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 4:02 pm. In attendance were Trustees Jen Mezei (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Ryan Stewart and Gary Wong, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray.

**1. Audit Sub-Committee Minutes – January 27, 2021**

Trustees reviewed the minutes from the Audit Sub-Committee meeting from January 27, 2021 where the Draft 2020/2021 Amended Operating Budget and 2021/2022 Operating Budget Calendar were presented. The committee discussed how they could best support the board and district staff in the next year.

**2. 2020/2021 Amended Operating Budget**

Ishver Khunguray, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided the committee with an update of the 2020/2021 Amended Operating Budget.

The 2020/2021 Amended Annual Budget will be presented to the February 23, 2021 public board meeting for approval.

**Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**3. 2021/2022 Status Quo Operating Budget**

Mr. Khunguray reviewed with the committee the draft 2021/2022 Status Quo Budget, including the process and timelines. Key dates include:

- February 23 – Board approval of the 2020/2021 Amended Annual Budget
- March 13 – anticipated Ministry announcement of the 2021/2022 preliminary operating grant funding
- April 20 – Provincial government ‘Throne Speech’ to outline provincial budget priorities for the year
- May 25 – Board approval of the 2021/2022 Annual Budget
- May 28 – Budget Bylaw submitted to the Ministry of Education

The budget process will include use of the district’s website to provide information on the district’s budget process, budget details and related information and to seek input from the public on budget priorities and related issues. Partner group participation will play a key

role in the budget development process. The Board will hold a public budget meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

The 2021/2022 status quo operating budget includes projected student enrolment, budget assumptions and projected cost factors. Staff will continue to review all budget issues and assumptions and an updated draft 2021/2022 status quo operating budget will be presented at the April Committee of the Whole Private meeting.

**Recommendation:**

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**4. Budget Calendar**

The budget meetings scheduled through the budget process in April and May were confirmed.

**5. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:03 pm.