

**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 7:03 pm on Tuesday, March 30, 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, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray and Executive Assistant Charran Millsip.

Ryan Stewart, Trustee acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located.

**Confirmation of Agenda**

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

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Inside Burnaby Schools**

Trustees outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as per the Inside Burnaby Schools bulletin.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of February 23, 2021 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Jen Mezei, Chair referred to the updated health orders issued by the Provincial Health Officer on March 29<sup>th</sup> for BC and advised that information regarding new health protocols will be shared with our community as it is received.

Chair Mezei commented as a Board we are committed to addressing systemic racism. She thanked the Anti-Racism Working Group for their work on this issue. Addressing systemic racism is a long process and education plays an important role in our goal to ensuring we are fostering safe and caring communities.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **District Operations - Superintendent's Report**

### Action Against Racism

Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent provided an update on the Anti-Racism Working Group's work to date, following the Board's mandate for the ad-hoc committee to engage with the Burnaby community - in particular, Black, Indigenous and People of Colour (BIPOC) - to create an anti-racism action plan for the district.

Mr. Bombelli presented the framework developed by the ad-hoc committee with a recommended engagement process which will allow for broader community conversations, including meaningful, safe and culturally sensitive opportunities for students, staff and families.

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

*THAT the Board of Education receive this information and approve the recommendations, as presented.*

Carried Unanimously.

### Planning for September

Ms. Niccoli-Moen advised that since the start of the pandemic school districts have been under the direction of the Ministries of Education and Health and, although

uncertainty continues, it is anticipated that schools will return to Stage 1 in September 2021, with full-time in-school instruction for all students Kindergarten through Grade 12.

Jeannette Laursoo and Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Superintendents provided a report on the Stage 1 plan for elementary and secondary schools for September 2021. The change to Stage 1 for Elementary students will be minimal, with staggered schedules. Secondary students will move from the current Stage 2 quarter system implemented in September 2020 to a semester system.

Burnaby Online and Homeschooling will continue to be available for families who want an alternative option.

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

*THAT the Board of Education receive this information, as presented.*

Carried Unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### Committee of the Whole

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

*THAT the minutes of the public session of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 8, 2021 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **District Operations – Business Services Report**

### CCTV Burnaby North Secondary School

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer referred to the report seeking Board approval for the installation of surveillance video monitoring cameras and building security/alarm systems at the new Burnaby North Secondary School, in accordance with Board Policy #7.80.00 and Regulation #7.80.01. The Board discussed the application of Board Policy #7.80.00 – Surveillance in relation to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commission guidelines.

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

*THAT the Secretary-Treasurer refer this request back to Burnaby North Secondary School to obtain approval from the school Parent Advisory Council before presentation to the Board for further consideration.*

Carried.  
Opposed by Christine Cunningham.

Draft Policy #7.60 – Childcare Programs in District Facilities

Mr. Horswill referred to the Board Report, which contained a draft revision of Policy #7.60, noting that the BC Government revised the *School Act* and the Minister of Education issued a Ministerial Order pertaining to childcare.

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

*THAT the Board of Education table the approval of Policy #7.60.00 – Childcare Programs in District Facilities following a full review of the proposed foundational policies by the Board.*

Carried Unanimously.

**Correspondence**

No public correspondence has been received.

**Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:17 pm.*

Carried Unanimously.

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Jen Mezei  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer