

**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 7:01 pm on Tuesday, May 25, 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, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray and Executive Assistant Charran Millsip.

Jen Mezei, Chair acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located.

Confirmation of Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

Burnaby Family Life – Burnaby Community Action Table on Overdose Crisis (Burnaby CAT)

Dilpreet Thiara, Project Coordinator, Burnaby Family Life – Burnaby Community Action Table on Overdose Crisis (Burnaby CAT) provided a presentation on CAT's mandate and services. The organization was created in 2018 to decrease the stigma around substance abuse by providing peer support and connections to private and public services. Ms. Ana Maria Bustamante, Burnaby Together Coordinator & Burnaby CAT Supervisor joined Ms. Thiara as part of the delegation.

Inside Burnaby Schools

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

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of April 27, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Jen Mezei, Chair advised that planning is well underway for the upcoming school year as well as preparation of the budget. Ms. Mezei provided an overview of the factors which led to the decisions affecting the 2021/2022 budget put forward for approval at tonight's meeting.

The Board of Education received this information, as presented.

District Operations - Superintendent's Report

The following two items focus on Student Voice and Leadership:

An Evening with Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BYSN) Series

Alisha Zhao, Grade 12 Burnaby South Secondary Student and member of the BYSN executive team and Luciana Brewer, Grade 9 Moscrop Secondary Student and BYSN logistics director provided a presentation on the BYSN mandate and recent events. The BYSN is a student driven organization for students who share a passion for sustainability and want to leave a legacy by making the world a better place. Matt Foley, District Energy Manager and Rob Smyth, District Principal were in attendance to support the students in their presentation.

Student Safety Youth Summits

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent advised that student safety is a critical factor in the district's journey to support an equitable, diverse and inclusive environment. As part of this journey, the district would like to attain a better picture of our school safety and is reaching out to students to invite them to share their thoughts about safety at school via ZOOM at an upcoming summit. Information gathered from the summits will be shared, with the goal of improving and enhancing student safety and promoting a sense of belonging amongst students.

District Operations – Business Services Report

Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, made a presentation on the annual budget for the fiscal year 2021/2022.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 receive three readings at this Board meeting held May 25, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 25th day of May, 2021; 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

2021/2022 School Fees

Jeannette Laursoo, Assistant Superintendent referred to the report on student fees and detailed fee schedule for the 2021-2022 school year which meets the requirements of the *School Act* legislation. School staff have the discretion to enable participation by students for whom the fees may be a financial hardship.

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the attached 2021-2022 fee schedule.

Carried unanimously.

School Leaving Ceremonies

Ms. Laursoo referred to the report on this year's school leaving ceremonies and the updated COVID-19 guidance from the Ministry of Education with respect to graduation ceremonies. Staff will monitor should the guidance change and schools will update students and families if needed.

The Board of Education received this information, as presented.

SOGI Committee Update – Pride Month (Verbal Report)

Larry Hayes, Trustee advised that the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Committee is requesting approval for the Pride flag to be flown at the District office to celebrate Pride Month, starting this year for the week of June 7th, and on an annual basis each year going forward on the first Monday in June for a week. The Pride flag represents the diversity celebrated in Burnaby schools and supports the Strategic Plan's key priority of an inclusive and caring community which welcomes staff, students and families, regardless of their identity.

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the flying of the Pride flag at the District office to celebrate Pride Month on June 7, 2021 for one week, and on an annual basis each year going forward on the first Monday in June for a week.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

No public correspondence has been received.

Questions

Ms. Mezei read out three questions that had been submitted in advance and Trustees responded.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Carried Unanimously.

Jen Mezei
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer