

**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 7:02 pm on Tuesday, June 22, 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 Joanne Simpson.

Bill Brassington, Vice-Chair acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located.

Confirmation of Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

School District Site Names, originally on the Private Session agenda, has been added to today's Public Session agenda as the second item under New Business.

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

Carried unanimously.

Delegation

BC Anti-Human Trafficking Presentation

Cathy Peters, BC Anti-Human Trafficking Educator, Speaker and Advocate provided a presentation on one of the fastest growing crimes in Canada, which affects communities across BC. Federal Law focuses on the following 3 items; it targets the facilitator of sex, it recognizes the provider as immune, and it puts exit strategies in place. There has been a clear statement from parliament that human beings are not for sale, but British Columbia is far behind every other province in Canada.

Ms. Peters noted that the School Liaison Officer Program is one of the main barriers of protection for these students and their families, and to please not remove it. Her ask was that she could provide a 'deeper dive presentation' so that Trustees and school administrators understand the scope of this crime in our schools.

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 May 25, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Jen Mezei, Chair introduced and gave her appreciation to Clint Morrison, as this is the inaugural year of the Clint Morrison Scholarship that provides \$500 to two students in the Burnaby School District with developmental disabilities.

Ms. Mezei also provided an update on the Community Hub for Indigenous Learning and the community engagement visioning sessions at Stride Avenue Community School, which will bring local history, traditions and perspectives of Indigenous people into a safe gathering space with support from the wider school and community. Also, Ms. Mezei shared thanks to our staff following this unusual school year in supporting Burnaby students and families with connection, flexibility and compassion.

The Board of Education received this information, as presented.

District Operations - Superintendent's Report

Honouring Our Youth

Gina Niccoli-Moen, shared her gratitude for students, staff, partner groups, community members and families in these extraordinary times, as well as to the

accomplishments of Indigenous youth in the Burnaby School District. A group of talented students, Joseph Marion, Angel Lewis, Chloe Morgan, Lucien Bogar and Jonas Felix, created a video where they performed the “Song for Courage”, written by Sherryl Sewepagaham, a Cree-Dene artist from the Little Red River Cree Nation, with drum protocol and teachings from Elder Latash Nahanee of the Squamish Nation, Uslahan village. This song recognizes the important transition that high school graduation represents. Additionally, Moscrop Secondary grade 12 student Nathaniel Frank-Piché, member of the Dene and Lil’wut First Nations, presented his powerful valedictorian speech that he addressed to his Indigenous peers. Brandon Curr, Director of Instruction and Rob Smyth, District Principal and were in attendance to support Nathaniel in his presentation.

Committee Reports

Audit Sub-Committee

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

THAT the minutes of the Audit Sub-Committee meeting of June 1, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

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

THAT the minutes of the public session of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 14, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

Action Against Racism

Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent presented the Board Report on Action Against Racism and answered questions around the district Anti-Racism, Equity and Inclusion 3-part process. Mr. Bombelli clarified that a fulsome report will be available in the fall which will be summary of results and some analysis from the survey results. The survey was sent to all 4461 staff members and over 13,000 students in grade 6 and older.

The Board of Education received this information, as presented.

Summer Session Update

Richard Per, Assistant Superintendent presented the Board Report on Summer Session and answered a question regarding the summer session COVID-19 protocol around cohorts. He clarified that the morning sessions will be in cohorts, but the afternoon sessions are quite small and do not require a cohort to maintain social distancing for students.

The Board of Education receive this information, as presented.

School Plan Visit Annual Process

Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent presented the Board Report on School Plan Visit Annual Process and answered a question around school goals and the direction the schools are planning this year. Ms. Mitchell noted that academic goals; literacy and math are common, as well as Social-Emotional Learning and mental health goals.

The Board of Education receive this information, as presented.

District Operations – Business Services Report

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD41-01

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the business services report. Attached is the letter we received from the Ministry indicating which capital projects are being supported for the 2021/22 school year.

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

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD41-01 receive three readings at this Board meeting held June 22, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD41-01 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPD41-01 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPD41-01 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPD41-01 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPD41-01 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 22nd day of June 2021, and 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.

CCTV Video Surveillance Annual Report

Mr. Horswill discussed the information contained in the board report pertaining to the CCTV Video Surveillance Annual Report, which included a section on the regulatory framework governing CCTV video surveillance and the annual report, which included the CCTV user guide that the IT department uses. The Board discussed the Annual Report and the Secretary-Treasurer responded to questions.

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

THAT the Board of Education receive the 2021 Surveillance (CCTV) Project Year-end Report.

Carried.
Christine Cunningham abstained.

New Business

School/Trustee Liaison Program – 2021/22 School Year

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

THAT the Board of Education approve the School/Trustee Liaison Program assignments for the 2021/2022 school year, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

School District Site Names

Ryan Stewart discussed that in the context of the events in the news and other school districts making decisions for some of the names applied to names of their buildings and facilities, the district should turn our minds to an assessment of naming our schools and facilities. Mr. Stewart would like to give some action to the idea of asking staff to do work in a cohesive way so we can have further discussions if any action is required by us as laid out in our strategic plan. Our district names should be welcoming to all community members and reflect values that we wish to uphold.

Ryan Stewart would like to move to following motion:

THAT that Board direct District staff to review school and facility names, through a lens of cultural inclusivity, and appropriateness, and report findings to the Board.

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

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

No public correspondence has been received.

Questions

Ms. Mezei read out a question that had been submitted in advance and Trustees responded.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Carried Unanimously.

Jen Mezei
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer