

**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, February 22, 2022.

**Present**

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

**Land Acknowledgement**

Peter Cech, Trustee, acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located.

**Confirmation of Agenda**

The agenda was submitted for confirmation.

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 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 Peter Cech:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of January 25, 2022 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Jen Mezei, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Back on March 6, 2020 the district began a dialogue about our sustainability aspirations to help inform the development of the first Burnaby School District Sustainability Strategic Plan. Although the timelines of our priorities may have shifted, our commitment to sustainability is unwavering and remains constant.

The Sustainability Strategic Plan is a set of objectives and goals that empower our schools' communities and enable staff, students, and community members to help lead us towards becoming a more sustainable district. When we work collectively as a community through our individual roles, we can co-create something much more powerful as we amplify our single voices to a collective roar. It is a reminder of how important it is in our governance role to first listen with respect and open minds so we can continue to grow, change, and improve together.

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

### Youth Development Instrument

The Youth Development Instrument (YDI) is a self report survey of grade 11 students created to identify which resources, opportunities, and practices set youth up for success in adolescence and adulthood. Modelled after the Early Development Instrument and the Middle Years Development Instrument, the YDI was developed by researchers at Simon Fraser University, the University of British Columbia Human Early Learning Partnership, and the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control, in collaboration with school administrators, teachers, healthcare providers, policymakers, community partners and young people.

Participating in the 2021/2022 pilot are Burnaby Mountain and Burnaby North Secondary Schools, and Byrne Creek Community Secondary School. After the survey has been delivered the district will receive individual school-level reports and one overall district report.

Sheri Brattston, Managing Director of Community Education, and Bal Dhillon, Community School Coordinator at Byrne Creek Community School, joined secondary students Ervin Cadiz and Clifford Ocampo as the students reflected on their experiences over the past two years at school, at home, and in their community that have impacted their well-being, resilience, and positive mental health.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

### Local Indigenous Artist Designs Pink Shirt for Burnaby School District

The Burnaby School District is continuing its work in moving toward Truth and Reconciliation and part of the commitment is to learn and honour the history and story of local First Nations. This year the District partnered with Gord Dick, artist from the Tsleil-Waututh and Lil'Wat Nations, to design a Pink Shirt for students and staff. Rob Smyth, District Principal of Indigenous Education, presented on this Pink Shirt story and the unique 'made-for-Burnaby' design.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Committee of the Whole

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

*THAT the minutes of the public session of the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 14, 2022 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

### **District Operations – Administrative Services Report**

#### Field Experiences – Monthly Report

Jeannette Laursoo, Assistant Superintendent, presented the field experiences report for the period up to February 22, 2022.

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

*THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the District Operations – Administrative Services Report, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

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

#### Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Ishver Khunguray, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer, presented information on the 2021/2022 Amended Annual Budget for board consideration and approval.

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

*THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 receive three readings at this Board meeting held February 22, 2022.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Peter Cech:

*THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 be read a first time.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 be approved a first time and read a second time.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 be approved a second time and read a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 be approved a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

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

*THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 having been read a first, second, and third time, be finally passed and adopted on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2022; 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**

### Sustainability Strategic Plan

Mr. Khunguray presented the Sustainability Strategic Plan for approval.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

*THAT the Board of Education approve the Sustainability Strategic Plan including the Vision, Values, Goals, Objectives, and Action Items identified in the attached presentation.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Correspondence**

### Jay Chalke, Ombudsperson – Quarterly Reports: October 1 – December 31, 2021.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 pm.*

Carried Unanimously.

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Jen Mezei  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer