

**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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 24, 2022.

**Present**

Trustees Jen Mezei (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes, and Ryan Stewart; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Wanda Mitchell, and Richard Per, 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.

**Delegation**

Claude Tani and his daughter Elle attended tonight's session to bring attention to how they, and others that signed their petition, are upset about the mandatory purchasing of graduation caps and gowns, and how the decision to switch from rentals to purchasing goes against the district's environmental sustainability plan.

**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 Bill Brassington and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of April 26, 2022, be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Board Chair Report**

Jen Mezei, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the tragic death of a Byrne Creek student. Our deepest condolences go to family and friends who are grieving. Thank you to school administration and staff who have been providing support to the community, and to district staff who have been coordinating support for students and staff.

The Byrne Creek Community Secondary Parent Advisory Council prepared, with support of the district, a presentation for the City's Traffic Safety Committee. The presentation, that focused on a list of improvements to enhance safety for pedestrians, was well received.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

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

### Co-Laboratorio (CoLab) – Action Against Racism Interim Report

In June 2020, the Board of Education unanimously passed a motion that the district use a consultative process to develop a district anti-racism action plan that respects and honours the voices and lived experiences of those affected by systemic racism.

This evening, Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent, will introduce CoLab co-founders Dr. June Francis and Dr. Kristina Henriksson, who are leading a process of engaging the community in consultation and dialogue to provide a report and recommendations. While deep conversations are still underway, tonight they will present the Action Against Racism Interim Report.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

### Committee of the Whole

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

*THAT the minutes of the public session of the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 9, 2022, be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

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

### Field Experiences – Monthly Report

Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent, presented the field experiences report for the period up to May 24, 2022.

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

*THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the Superintendent's District Operations – Administrative Services Report dated May 24, 2022, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **New Business**

### 1. Business Arising from Delegation

Ms. Niccoli-Moen started the discussion regarding secondary school graduation caps and gowns. Staff are open to hear any direction and dialogue for follow up.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

2. 2022-2023 School Fees

Ms. Niccoli-Moen introduced the schedule of student fees for the 2022/2023 school year. The schedule had been established with input from parent advisory councils and meets the requirements of the School Act. 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 Bill Brassington:

*THAT the Board of Education approve the attached 2022-2023 fee schedule.*

Carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

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

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:27 pm.*

Carried Unanimously.

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Jen Mezei  
Chair

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Russell Horswill, DBA  
Secretary-Treasurer