

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 41 - BURNABY**

November 22, 2022, 7:15 pm

Trustees Present: Trustee Bill Brassington, Trustee Peter Cech, Trustee Larry Hayes, Trustee Jen Mezei, Trustee Mikelle Sasakamoose, Trustee Kristin Schnider, and Trustee Gary Wong.

Staff Present: Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Deputy Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, Deputy Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray, Assistant Superintendent Wanda Mitchell, Acting Assistant Superintendent Janice Nakatsu, Assistant Superintendent Richard Per, and Executive Assistant Deanna Azzara.

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 – Burnaby was held at the Burnaby School District Office in the Brentwood Room.

1. Call to Order and Confirmation of the Agenda

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, assumed the chair and called the meeting to order. Mr. Horswill confirmed the agenda and asked everyone to stand for the National Anthem.

2. O Canada

3. Territory Acknowledgement

Mr. Horswill acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located.

4. Traditional Welcome

Tsnomot, Brad Baker, from the Squamish Nation, provided a Traditional Welcome.

5. Indigenous Opening

Dr. Roberta Price, Coast Salish Matriarch and Elder from the Snuneymuxw and Cowichan Nations, provided an Indigenous opening.

6. "Song for Courage"

District Student Advisory Council students, led by Rob Smyth, District Principal Indigenous Education, performed *Song for Courage* by Sherryl Sewepagaham.

7. Proclamation of Election

Mr. Horswill announced that the Chief Election Officer has proclaimed the following to be elected to the office of the school trustee for a four-year term:

Bill Brassington	Mikelle Sasakamoose
Peter Cech	Kristin Schnider
Larry Hayes	Gary Wong
Jen Mezei	

8. Declaration of Office

The Honourable Judge J. Campbell administered the Oath of Office to each of the Trustees.

9. Election of Chair

Mr. Horswill called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby for 2022/2023.

Jen Mezei nominated Bill Brassington. Bill Brassington accepted the nomination.

Mr. Horswill called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, Mr. Horswill declared Bill Brassington elected by acclamation Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby for 2022/2023.

Bill Brassington assumed the chair.

10. Election of Vice-Chair

Bill Brassington, Chair, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby for 2022/2023.

Mikelle Sasakamoose nominated Kristin Schnider. Kristin Schnider accepted the nomination.

Mr. Brassington called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, Mr. Brassington declared Kristin Schnider elected by acclamation Vice-Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby for 2022/2023.

11. Election of BCSTA Provincial Councillor and Alternate

Bill Brassington, Chair, called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Jen Mezei nominated Kristin Schnider. Kristin Schnider accepted the nomination.

Mr. Brassington called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, Mr. Brassington declared Kristin Schnider elected by acclamation BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Mr. Brassington called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate.

Larry Hayes nominated Mikelle Sasakamoose. Mikelle Sasakamoose accepted the nomination.

Mr. Brassington called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, Mr. Brassington declared Mikelle Sasakamoose elected by acclamation BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate.

12. Election of BCPSEA Trustee Representative and Alternate

Bill Brassington, Chair, called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Trustee Representative.

Mikelle Sasakamoose nominated Gary Wong. Gary Wong accepted the nomination.

Mr. Brassington called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, Mr. Brassington declared Gary Wong elected by acclamation BCPSEA Trustee Representative.

Mr. Brassington called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Trustee Representative Alternate.

Peter Cech nominated Larry Hayes. Larry Hayes accepted the nomination.

Mr. Brassington called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, Mr. Brassington declared Larry Hayes elected by acclamation BCPSEA Trustee Representative Alternate.

13. Board Chair Report

Bill Brassington, Chair, presented the Board Chair report. As I share my first report, I want to thank my fellow board members for the privilege to do so. I welcome back Trustees Peter Cech, Larry Hayes, Jen Mezei, and Gary Wong. We are all very excited to welcome to the table Trustees Mikelle Sasakamoose and Kristin Schnider. Congratulations to all of you, and I look forward to working together.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the people of Burnaby for putting your trust in each of us to represent the interests of public education in our great city. We are here to listen, and to work together – always with students at the centre of the decisions we make and the action we take.

Partnerships strengthen all we do and every employee in the district makes a difference. We look forward to continuing the important work in our district with support staff, teachers, school principals and vice-principals, senior management, and of course students and families. I look forward to continued conversation and collaboration, as we build on the achievements of the past, while looking ahead to the future of education in Burnaby.

Moved by: Peter Cech
Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the Board receive and approved the Board Chair Report, as presented.

14. Greetings

Bill Brassington, Chair, introduced representatives from each of the district's partner groups who brought greetings to the Board:

- Frankie DeVita, President, Burnaby Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association
- Shanee Prasad, President, Burnaby Teachers' Association
- Paul Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 379
- Ashley Sandquist, Chair, District Parent Advisory Council
- Elsie Li and Lori Kullahian, Co-Chairs, District Student Advisory Council

15. Recognition

Bill Brassington, Chair, thanked the Honourable Judge Campbell, RCMP Constables Reddy and Bopanrai, Brad Baker, Elder Dr. Roberta Price, and all the students who performed for everyone at tonight's meeting. Mr. Brassington also thanked distinguished guests, family, and friends for taking the time to attend the Board's Inauguration ceremony.

16. Adjournment

Moved by: Larry Hayes
Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:30pm.

Bill Brassington, Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA Secretary-
Treasurer