

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

Trustees: Bill Brassington (Chair), Kristin Schnider, Gary Wong, Jen Mezei, Larry Hayes, Mikelle Sasakamoose, Peter Cech

Staff: Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen; Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray; Deputy Superintendent Roberto Bombelli; Assistant Superintendents Brandon Curr, Janice Nakatsu, Jeannette Laursoo, and Richard Per; Executive Director Human Resources Harpinder Hothi; Executive Assistants Cari Luongo, Deanna Azzara, and Joanne Simpson

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 – Burnaby was held at the District Administration Office, Brentwood Room and via video conference, at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

Territory Acknowledgement

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

1. Confirmation of the Agenda

The agenda was submitted for confirmation.

Moved by: Larry Hayes

Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried Unanimously

2. Inside Burnaby Schools

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

3. Approval of Minutes

1. Public Session - November 28, 2023

Moved by: Peter Cech

Seconded by: Kristin Schnider

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of November 28, 2023, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

4. Board Chair Report

Bill Brassington, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the Board Chair Report.

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

5. District Operations - Superintendent's Report

1. Holiday Celebrations

Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Heather Kimmie, Principal, Brentwood Park Elementary, and music teacher Ruby Seah, who led grade 2 and 3 students in a performance of an Indian dandiya stick dance titled "Diwali, Diwali" from the school's winter concert "Celebrations Around the World".

2. Moving Forward: Action Against Racism

Ms. Niccoli-Moen introduced Assistant Superintendent Brandon Curr, and Executive Director, Human Resources Harpinder Hothi, who together provided the Moving Forward: Action Against Racism presentation.

Moved by: Peter Cech

Seconded by: Larry Hayes

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

6. District Operations - Administrative Services Report

1. Field Experiences - Monthly Report

Moved by: Kristin Schnider

Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the report presented in the Superintendent's District Operations - Administrative Services Report dated December 19, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

7. District Operations - Business Services Report

1. Trustee Committee Appointments

Mr. Brassington presented the 2024 Trustee Committee Appointments. Trustees agreed that the removal of the word "representative" from the BCSTA Metro Branch would be appropriate.

Moved by: Mikelle Sasakamoose
Seconded by: Peter Cech

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

2. Whistle-Blower Annual Report

Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the Whistle-Blower Annual Report.

Moved by: Gary Wong
Seconded by: Larry Hayes

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

8. Unfinished Business

1. Election of BCSTA Provincial Councillor and Alternate

BCSTA bylaw 6b states that elections must be held at least once a year for the positions of Provincial Councillor and Alternate. Elections will be held this evening for these positions.

Mr. Brassington called for nominations for the BCSTA Provincial Councillor.

Jen Mezei nominated Kristin Schnider who accepted the nomination.

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

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

Kristin Schnider nominated Mikelle Sasakamoose who accepted the nomination.

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

2. Election of BCPSEA Trustee Representative and Alternate

The BCPSEA Trustee Representative and Alternate may be appointed by the Board. Elections will be held this evening for these positions.

Mr. Brassington called for nominations for the BCPSEA Trustee Representative.

Mikelle Sasakamoose nominated Gary Wong who accepted the nomination.

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

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

Peter Cech nominated Larry Hayes who accepted the nomination.

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

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Larry Hayes

Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Carried Unanimously

Bill Brassington, Chair

Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer