

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

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

Regrets: Larry Hayes

Staff: Superintendent of Schools Karim Hachlaf, Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray, Deputy Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendents Brandon Curr, Jeannette Laursoo and Richard Per, Executive Assistants 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 7:02 pm on January 28, 2025.

Territory Acknowledgement

Jen Mezei, Vice-Chair, acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the District is located.

1. Confirmation of the Agenda

The agenda was submitted for confirmation.

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Bill Brassington

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

Public Session - December 17, 2024

Moved by: Peter Cech

Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of December 17, 2024, be approved.

Carried Unanimously

4. Board Chair Report

Kristin Schnider, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented the Board Chair Report.

Moved by: Bill Brassington

Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

5. District Operations - Superintendent's Report

Student Philanthropist is Making a Difference

Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent of Schools, introduced Jennifer Griffin, Principal, Armstrong Elementary, who invited Keanna Lai, a grade 7 student philanthropist who, since the age of 7, has been focusing her efforts on helping people living in the Vancouver Downtown Eastside (DTES) community, to share her initiatives and experiences.

In January 2024, Keanna initiated "The Promise Project" to encourage Armstrong Elementary students to "promise" to fundraise whatever amount they could, in whatever way they could commit to, in support of residents of the DTES.

Push for Change, an organization that awards funds to selected youth projects, chose Armstrong's Promise Project to receive a \$5,000 grant and as a result Keanna was able to donate this amount, as well as an additional \$4,000 (combined fundraising from Armstrong's students) to *Plenty of Plates*, an organization that helps support food security in the DTES community.

Moved by: Peter Cech

Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

6. Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole - January 13, 2025

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the Board of Education receive the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Public meeting of January 13, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

7. District Operations - Administrative Services Report

Field Experiences - Monthly Report

Moved by: Bill Brassington

Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the amended report presented in the Superintendent's District Operations - Administrative Services Report dated January 28, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

8. District Operations - Business Services Report

2025/2026 Budget Process Calendar

Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer, provided the 2025/2026 Budget Process Calendar.

Moved by: Bill Brassington

Seconded by: Peter Cech

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the 2025/2026 Budget Process Calendar.

Carried Unanimously

9. Unfinished Business

2025 Trustee Committee Responsibilities

Chair Schnider provided a 2025 Trustee Committee Responsibilities update involving the Management Committee.

Moved by: Peter Cech

Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

10. Board Private Session Reports

December 17, 2024, and January 21, 2025

Moved by: Bill Brassington

Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Carried Unanimously

Kristin Schnider, Chair

Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer