

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

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

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 7:03 pm on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

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: Bill Brassington

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 - January 28, 2025

Moved by: Jen Mezei

Seconded by: Larry Hayes

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of January 28, 2025, 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: Peter Cech

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

5. District Operations - Superintendent's Report

1. Celebrating Black History/Black Futures in February and Beyond

The Burnaby Central BlackEx Club has been running since the fall of 2022. For Black History/Futures Month 2025, the students have been making weekly announcements about Black historical figures and events and will host a Black History Month (BHM) celebration that includes performances and a traditional/cultural fashion show.

The Cariboo Hill Black Excellence Club began this school year. For Black History/Futures Month 2025 the students have created a large and engaging mural in the main foyer of the school to commemorate Black Canadian Excellence and celebrate Black Canadians who have made significant achievements and/or contributions. This group has also collaborated with SOGI and Mental Health Student Groups to create an awareness presentation around the impact of discriminatory language and hate speech on youth mental health.

Karim Hachlaf, Superintendent, introduced Beth Applewhite, District Principal Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, who invited Cariboo Hill Black Excellence Club sponsor Sandra Dasilva, along with Burnaby Central BlackEx Club sponsor Wayne Best and student members from both clubs to share their experiences.

Moved by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

Seconded by: Bill Brassington

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

2. Literacy in Burnaby Schools

The Burnaby School District's Responsive and Inclusive Literacy Framework has been created to empower educators to implement evidence-based literacy practices to ensure that every student has access to effective, engaging, and transformative literacy instruction.

Superintendent Hachlaf introduced Kathryn Yamamoto, Director of Instruction, who provided a Literacy in Burnaby Schools presentation.

Moved by: Bill Brassington

Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

6. Committee Reports

1. Committee of the Whole - February 10, 2025

Moved by: Peter Cech

Seconded by: Mikelle Sasakamoose

THAT the Board of Education receive the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Public meeting of February 10, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

7. District Operations - Administrative Services Report

1. Field Experiences - Monthly Report

Moved by: Larry Hayes

Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the report presented in the District Operations - Administrative Services Report dated February 25, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

2. Board / Authority Authorized Course

Superintendent Hachlaf presented information on the Board/Authority Authorized Course.

Moved by: Gary Wong

Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the Board of Education receive this information and approve the new Board/Authority Authorized Course.

Carried Unanimously

3. Administrative Procedures Process

Superintendent Hachlaf and Roberto Bombelli, Deputy Superintendent, provided information regarding the Administrative Procedures Process.

8. Question Period (Timed Item)

Chair Schneider responded to a question from the floor.

9. Board Private Session Report

1. January 28, 2025
2. February 10, 2025

Moved by: Larry Hayes
Seconded by: Gary Wong

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Carried Unanimously

10. Adjournment

Moved by: Larry Hayes
Seconded by: Jen Mezei

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Carried Unanimously

Kristin Schnider, Chair

Ishver Khunguray, Secretary-Treasurer