

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

A Public Session meeting of the Burnaby Board of Education was held in the Board Room at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

**Present**

Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair), Ron Burton, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Harman Pandher, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, A and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

**Agenda**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Good News**

Gary Wong presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session of May 27, 2014 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Board Chair Report**

Chair Baljinder Narang recognized the 61 district employees from all employee groups who are retiring this year. Ms Narang thanked them all for their passion

for public education and their dedication and commitment to students and to the district.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Larry Hayes:

*THAT the Board receive and approve the Board Chair Report, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## **Superintendent**

### Odyssey of the Mind

Janice Nakatsu, Principal of South Slope Elementary School, provided an overview of the Odyssey of the Mind competition that promotes creative problem-solving for students from Kindergarten through College. Students at South Slope have been participating for about a decade and this year three teams made it to the world finals in Ames, Iowa.

Students Connor Strandberg, Catie Alvarez, Kaitlyn Schenkeveld and Antonina Stoicheva described some of the elements of the competition and showed Trustees the pins they had collected from participants from all over the world.

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Lisa Meneian-Cecile, Principal of the BC School for the Deaf, described the second annual Amazing Race that is part of a three-day event hosted by the Pro-

included 42 Deaf and Hard of Hearing students from across the province and its theme was careers.

Students Simran Kumar, Kayla Avena and Nina Ward provided highlights of their race through downtown Vancouver in search of participating businesses and the various job-related tasks they had to perform at each business.

### City of Burnaby Environmental Awards

Environment awards were presented to Forest Grove Elementary School for the creation of a school garden and related programs and to Byrne Creek Secondary School Fine Arts Department for incorporating Byrne Creek ravine ecology into the curriculum.

Environmental Stars were presented to Carissa Konesky, a student at Burnaby North Secondary School, for her leadership and involvement in many environmental By5(nviron)9-17(9(B)-(iBT Tm(iBT(in )s1 0 0 1 267.53 640.18 Tm98.85enta)4(1 )-2T1 0

**District Operations   Administrative Services**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ron Burton:

It was moved by Harman Pandher and seconded by Gary Wong:

*THAT Capital Project Bylaw No. 126757 be approved a third time.*

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes