

**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, December 10, 2013.

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 Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment moved items 1 and 2 of the Superintendent's Report to follow confirmation of the agenda.

Student Fundraiser for Philippine Relief

Burnaby North Principal Gordon Li introduced some of the students who had spearheaded fundraising initiatives at their schools to help the victims of typhoon Haiyan. Students Grace Jin (grade 12, Burnaby Mountain), Joey Whittemore (grade 12, Burnaby North), Janani Ravikularam (grade 11, Burnaby South) and Natasha Vlajnic (grade 11, Moscrop) described how the fundraising began and soon spread across the district, evolving into a real community effort. They presented a cheque for \$41,446 to Red Cross representative Sofia Joensuu.

Alpha Secondary School Chamber Choir

Program Consultant – Visual and Performing Arts Reg LaPlante introduced the twenty student members of the Alpha Secondary School Chamber Choir. Under the direction of teacher Paul Dudley the choir sang *Changed for Ever* by Shari Ulrich and the carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*.

Elections

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank assumed the Chair.

Mr. Frank called a first time for nominations for the position of Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2014.

Larry Hayes nominated Baljinder Narang who accepted the nomination.

Mr. Frank called a second and a third time for nominations for Chair. There being none, Mr. Frank declared that Baljinder Narang had been elected Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2014 by acclamation.

Baljinder Narang assumed the chair.

Vice-Chair

Ms. Narang called a first time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2014.

Gary Wong nominated Ron Burton who accepted the nomination.

Ms. Narang called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. There being none, Ms. Narang declared that Ron Burton had been elected Vice-Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2014 by acclamation.

Ms. Narang called a second and a third time for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor. There being none, Ms. Narang declared that Larry Hayes had been elected BCSTA Provincial Councillor by acclamation.

Ms. Narang called a first time for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate for 2014.

James Wang nominated Meiling Chia who accepted the nomination.

Ms. Narang called a second and a third time for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate. There being none, Ms. Narang declared that Meiling Chia had been elected BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate for 2014.

BCSTA/BCPSEA Bargaining Representative Councillor and Alternate

Ms. Narang called a first time for nominations for the position of BCSTA/BCPSEA Bargaining Representative Councillor for 2014.

Harman Pandher nominated Ron Burton who accepted the nomination.

Ms. Narang called a second and third time for nominations for the position of BCSTA/BCPSEA Bargaining Representative Councillor. There being none, Ms. Narang declared that Ron Burton had been elected BCSTA/BCPSEA Bargaining Representative Councillor for 2014 by acclamation.

Ms. Narang called a first time for nominations for the position of BCSTA/BCPSEA Bargaining Representative Councillor Alternate for 2014.

Larry Hayes nominated Gary Wong who accepted the nomination.

Ms. Narang called a second and a third time for nominations for the position of BCSTA/BCPSEA Bargaining Representative Councillor Alternate. There being none, Ms. Narang declared that Gary Wong had been elected BCSTA/BCPSEA Bargaining Representative Councillor Alternate for 2014.

Delegation

Dr. Baldev Sanghera, MD, CCFP, Physician Lead of the Burnaby Division of Family Practice, made a presentation on the Burnaby Primary Care Access Survey. The group's goal is to provide everyone in Burnaby access to a family doctor. He requested the Board support this initiative and encourage staff, students and parents to participate in the survey.

Good News

Harman Pandher presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Approval of Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of November 26, 2013 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Ms Narang thanked her fellow trustees for the privilege of serving as Board Chair for 2014 and thanked those trustees who had taken on representative roles with BCSTA and BCPSEA.

In 1950 December 10 was designated by the UN as Human Rights Day and it is fitting to pay tribute on this day to the late Nelson Mandela who had dedicated his life to making the world a better place for all.

Ms Narang thanked the senior staff for their commitment and dedication and wished all school families, staff and the Burnaby community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the Board receive and approve the report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

(contd.)

Class Size and Composition

In accordance with Section 72 of the School Act, Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal presented his report on changes to date in class size and composition for 2013/2014.

Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement for 2013/2014

In accordance with the School Act, Mr. Kaardal presented his report on student achievement for 2013/2014.

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