

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

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 - Burnaby was held in the Board Room at 7:08 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2015.

Present

Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; 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 Harman Pandher:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Good News

Katrina Chen presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached. Trustees congratulated Gary Wong on the birth of his first grandchild.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Meiling Chia:

THAT the minutes of the Publi

Superintendent

Multi-Age Cluster Class (MACC) Program

Director of Instruction Wanda Mitchell introduced Advanced Learning teacher Jennifer Carson. Ms Carson provided an overview of this full-time district program for highly able students in grades 4-7 that is located at Capitol Hill Elementary. Ms Carson also outlined some of the program components.

Students Aditya Naithani, Bereket Ashebir and Catherine Wong shared their experience of the program and outlined some of the projects they had undertaken that had really piqued their interest.

Advanced Placement Capstone Program

The AP Capstone program allows students to engage in rigorous, university-level study of the critical skills necessary for success in university. Burnaby South teacher Amos Lee provided a brief overview of the program model and explained the structure of the course. Burnaby North teacher Laurent Scaligine outlined the skills that students are taught and some of the research projects they undertake.

Students Ariel Cao (Burnaby North) and Brendan Wong (Burnaby South) told Trustees how much they appreciated the opportunity to undertake in-depth research and learn how to construct a thesis, as well as develop critical thinking skills.

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

THAT the Superintendent's Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Harman Pandher:

THAT the letter from the Ombudsperson listing files closed from October 1 to December 31, 2014 be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Harman Pandher assumed the chair.

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

THAT the Finance Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

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Policy Committee

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT the Policy Committee Report be received, and the recommendation contained therein be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations Administrative Services

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

THAT the Board receive and approve the Superintendent's District Operations – Administrative Services Report, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

New Business

2015 Trustee Committee

