

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

A Public Session meeting of the Board of Education of School District 41 Burnaby was held via video conference at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, August 26, 2020.

Present

Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Larry Hayes, Jen Mezei and Ryan Stewart; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Jeannette Laursoo, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Peter Cech:

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent`s Report

Russell Horswill, Secretary-Treasurer, outlined the health and safety protocols that had been implemented. Each site would have an individual custodial staffing plan. The district was hiring extra facilities staff to ensure a safe start-up.

With respect to technology, Mr. Horswill said the district had loaned out over 1,000 computers to students during the last school year and was in the process of getting some of those back from students who had graduated. The district had ordered 300 more laptops and would be ordering more if necessary. Some government funding was available for technology. The district was also working with Telus on a subsidized plan for internet access for families who needed it. The district was working to ensure there were no barriers to technology availability.

With respect to food security, Mr. Horswill said this was a high priority for the district. Plans for the fall would probably change from what was done March through June and during the summer with the help of partner groups, but needs would be met.

Ms. Niccoli-Moen said the district had received many questions from parents and students and lots of them had been answered in the start-up plan. A survey would be sent out at the end of the week and parents would be asked to indicate by September 1 which of the four start-up options they preferred. Schools would then contact parents with more specific details of the return to school and respond to student-specific questions.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Bill Brassington:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed

Gary Wong
Chair

Russell Horswill, DBA
Secretary-Treasurer