

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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

Present

Trustees Diana Mumford (Chair), Ron Burton, Tony Coccia, Baljinder Narang, James Wang, and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Kevin Kaardal and Gina Niccoli-Moen, Associate Superintendent Elliott Grieve and Executive Assistant Laureen Bruntjen.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

Carried unanimously.

The amendment added Provincial Council Update under New Business.

Delegation

BTA President Marianne Neill made a presentation on class size and composition. Ms Neill also introduced the members of the BTA Executive who were present at the meeting.

Good News

Baljinder Narang presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of October 13, 2009, be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Diana Mumford commented on the recent budget cuts and funding shortfalls for public education and referenced the BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council meeting held the previous week and the large number of funding related resolutions which were discussed and passed by the assembly. She indicated the Board would welcome support from our partner groups and residents of Burnaby in supporting our concerns regarding sufficient and predictable funding for public education.

District Operations - Superintendent's Report

Kindergarten Mentorship Program

Principal of Windsor Elementary School Kathryn Yamamoto introduced teacher Sara Fogliato who provided information on Windsor Elementary School's Kindergarten Mentorship Program. Grade 1 student Marija Vojinovich shared her experiences as a kindergarten mentor.

EDI Report

Provincial Community Development Manager Joanne Schroeder provided background and analyses of Burnaby's 2009 data regarding the Early Development Instruction (EDI) research program.

Full Day Kindergarten Implementation

Assistant Superintendent Gina Niccoli-Moen presented an overview of Burnaby's proposed plan for implementation of Full Day Kindergarten programs for 2010.

Summer Session 2009

District Principal Donna Scott provided trustees with an overview of the summer session programs offered by the district and highlighted some of the challenges of running this program.

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Policy Committee

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Tony Coccia:

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

Carried unanimously.

Youth and Community Services Committee

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by Gary Wong:

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

Carried unanimously.

New Business

Provincial Council Update

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

THAT the Burnaby Board of Education work with its partner groups to develop and implement an action plan to advocate against the recent and continuing government budget cuts that are seriously eroding the public education system in Burnaby.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by James Wang:

THAT the Burnaby Board of Education write a letter to all of our local MLAs outlining the specific challenges that we are currently facing and to seek their support in communicating with the Minister of Education on our behalf about the negative short and long term impacts of these funding cuts to Burnaby students.

Carried unanimously.

Question Period

The Chair received questions from the floor which will be followed up by staff.

Adjournment

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by Tony Coccia:

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Carried unanimously

Original signed by:

Diana Mumford
Chair

D. Greg Frank, C.A.
Secretary-Treasurer