

**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, February 23, 2010.

Present

Trustees Diana Mumford (Chair), Ron Burton, Tony Coccia, Baljinder Narang and James Wang; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendent Kevin Kaardal, Associate Superintendent Elliott Grieve and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

Lesley Fox made a presentation on a student choice policy for animal dissection.

BC SPCA Human Education Supervisor Paula Neuman and Animal Welfare Coordinator Geoff Urton made a presentation on a student choice policy for animal dissection.

Good News

Tony Coccia presented Good News items from various Burnaby schools, as attached.

Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the Public Session of February 23, 2010 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

1. Sister City Art Exchange Project

Visual and Performing Arts Program Consultant Lisa Parsonson and Marlborough Elementary Teacher Sue Malkin outlined an art exchange project being undertaken with Burnaby's sister city, Mesa, Arizona following the theme "My World". Grade 6/7 students Daniel Han and Celina Lai showed Trustees samples of the art work the students had prepared. They had used boxes, decorated inside and out, and students had used the inside covers to give a brief account of their life in Burnaby.

2. Why Should Youth Care About Democracy?

Burnaby North Vice-Principal Garth Errico and Social Studies Department Head Dale Lintott described a project undertaken as part of the Social Studies 11 Honours class on politics and government. Students were challenged to demonstrate what democracy meant to them. Students Sophia Chen, Aleem Dhanji, Kate Gao and Javed Sidhu had produced a video entitled *Why Should Youth Care About Democracy?* that was subsequently submitted to the provincial Democracy on Location Video Contest and had placed first. The students showed the video they had created and explained the rationale behind their work. As part of their prize they will be guests of the Provincial Legislature next month and be featured on Hansard TV.

3. American Sign Language: An Interactive Online Program

Administrator for the Provincial Outreach Program for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Karen Taylor and Burnaby Online Global Learning teacher Tara Cordy-Simpson gave an overview of the district's American Sign Language online course, the first of its kind in North America. They were accompanied by teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing Jo-Anne Robinson.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by James Wang:

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

Carried unanimously

Baljnder Narang left the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Correspondence

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by Ron Burton:

THAT the letter from Norman Mould, President, Coalition for Music Education in BC, regarding the importance of music programs be received.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Tony Coccia:

THAT the letter from Wayne Rodier, Chair, Cariboo-Chilcotin Board of Education, requesting boards of education to submit deficit budgets, if necessary, be received.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by James Wang;

THAT the letter from Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier Colin Hansen regarding a revision to the Introduction of the Public Sector Accounting Handbook be received.

Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Education Committee Report

It was moved by Tony Coccia and seconded by Ron Burton:

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

Carried unanimously.

Baljinder Narang returned to the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

It was moved by Diana Mumford and seconded by Baljinder Narang:

THAT Trustee Gary Wong be appointed chair of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

Carried unanimously.

Finance Committee Report

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

District Operations - Business Services

Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2009/2010

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank made a presentation on the amended annual budget for the fiscal year 2009/2010 and presented the amended annual budget bylaw in the amount of \$206,423,453.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010 receive three readings at this Board meeting held February 23, 2010.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by James Wang:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Baljinder Narang and seconded by James Wang:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ron Burton and seconded by James Wang:

THAT Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2009/2010 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 23rd day of February, 2010; that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary-Treasurer be authorized to sign the bylaw; and that the bylaw be sealed with the corporate seal of the Board.

Carried unanimously.

New Business

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

THAT the issue of student choice for animal dissection be referred to the Policy Committee for the development of a policy that is consistent with district practice and that reflects student choice.

Opposed: Tony Coccia
Diana Mumford

Carried.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Carried unanimously.

Original signed by:

Diana Mumford
Chair

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