

**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 7:10 pm on Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

Present

Trustees Diana Mumford (Chair), Ron Burton, Tony Coccia, Baljinder Narang 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 Sandra Brunner.

Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

BTA President Marianne made a presentation on education funding.

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 March 23, 2010 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

1. CanWest Canspell National Spelling Bee Competition

Aubrey Elementary School Principal Claudio Bortolussi introduced grade seven student Scott Xiao and his mother. Scott earned the runner-up National title in the CanWest Canspell National Spelling Bee Competition held in Ottawa on March 28. Scott shared with Trustees highlights of his trip. He was presented with a diploma in honour of his achievement by Board Chair Diana Mumford.

2. Immigrant Parents as Literacy Supports (IPALS)

Maywood Kindergarten teacher Sherri Brattston presented an outline of IPALS, a culturally sensitive and responsive family literacy pilot program for new immigrant parents and their children (3-4 years old). The program started at Maywood Community School in 2008 and involved 25 Mandarin-speaking families. It was expanded in the 2009/2010 school year to include a South Asian program at Second Street Community School involving 14 Punjabi and Hindi speaking families. With the aid of translators parents from each program described what a difference the program had made in their lives.

3. Deepening Intercultural Understanding

Maywood Community School Principal Sue Montebello outlined the work done at the school to honour cultural diversity and incorporate it into the school growth plan, with the focus of creating a learning environment in which racial/ethnic pride is affirmed. Two of Maywood's parents shared their experiences with the work being done at the school.

4. Transitional Mural

Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli drew the attention of Trustees to a mural on the wall of the board room. It had been created by students of Burnaby South and Alpha Secondary Schools with the help of a graphic facilitator and featured issues that mattered to the students. It was designed so that it could be taken to grade 7 classes in the district and used to talk about the transition to secondary school.

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

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

Carried unanimously

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Reports

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

THAT the Finance Committee Report of March 18, 2010 be received, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT the Finance Committee Report of April 6, 2010 be received, with item 2 amended to correct the title of Kate McBride, a legislative intern in the office of MLA Kathy Corrigan.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

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

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

Carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Original signed by:

Diana Mumford
Chair

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