

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 7:02 pm on Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

Present

Trustees Jen Mezei (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cecchi, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes, Ryan Stewart and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Jeannette Laurs, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per Deputy Secretary Treasurer Ishver Khunguraya and Executive Assistant Joanne Simpson.

Bill Brassington, Vice-Chair acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located

Confirmation of Agenda

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Larry Hayes

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Ms. Peters noted that the School Liaison Officer Program is one of the main lines of protection for these students and their families, and to please not remove it. Her ask was that she could provide deeper dive presentations so that Trustees and school administrators understand the scope of this crime in our schools.

Inside Burnaby Schools

Trustees outlined several

accomplishments of Indigenous youth in the Burnaby School District. A group of talented students, Joseph Marion, Angel Lewis, Chloe Morgan, Lucien Bogar and Jonas Felix created a video where they performed the "Song for Courage", written by Sherryl Sewepagahama Cree Dene artists from the Little Red River Cree Nation, with drum protocol and teachings from Elder Latash Nahanee of the Squamish Nation, Uslahan village. This song recognizes the important transition that high school graduation represents. Additionally, Moscrop Secondary grade 12 student Nathaniel Francis Riché, member of the Dene and Lil'wut First Nations presented his powerful valedictorian speech that he addressed to his Indigenous peers. Brandon Curr, Director of Instruction and Rob Smyth, District Principal were in attendance to support Nathaniel's presentation.

Committee Reports

Audit SubCommittee

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Larry Hayes:

THAT the minutes of the Audit SubCommittee meeting of June 1, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Committee of the Whole

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart:

THAT the minutes of the public session of the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 14, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

District Operations – Administrative Services

Action Against Racism

Roberto Bombelli, Assistant Superintendent presented the Board Report on Action Against Racism and answered questions around the district Anti-Racism, Equity and Inclusion 3-part process. Mr. Bombelli clarified that a full report will be available in the fall which will be a summary of results and analysis from the survey results. The survey was sent to all 4461 staff members and over 13,000 students in grade 6 and older.

The Board of Education received this information, as presented.

Summer Session Update

Richard Per, Assistant Superintendent presented the Board Report on Summer Session and answered a question regarding the summer session COVID protocol around cohorts. He clarified that the morning sessions will be in cohorts, but the afternoon sessions are quite small and do not require a cohort to maintain social distancing for students.

The Board of Education receive this information, as presented.

School Plan Visit Annual Process

Wanda Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent presented the Board Report on School Plan Visit Annual Process and answered a question around school goals and the direction the schools are planning this year. Ms. Mitchell stated that academic goals; literacy and math are common, as well as Social Emotional Learning and mental health goals.

The Board of Education receive this information, as presented.

District Operations – Business Services Report

Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2021/22 CPSD4101

Russell Horswill, Secretary/Treasurer, presented the business services report. Attached is the letter we received from the ministry indicating which capital projects are being supported for the 2021/22 school year.

It was moved by Ryan Stewart and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD4101 receive three readings at this Board meeting held June 22, 2021.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Peter Cech

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPSD4101 be read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Bill Brassington and seconded by Ryan Stewart

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPD4101 be approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Larry Haye and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPD4101 be approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ryan Stewart and seconded by Gary Wong:

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPD4101 be approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cecchi and seconded by Bill Brassington

THAT School District No. 41 (Burnaby) Capital Bylaw No. 2021/22-CPD4101 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 21st day of June 2021, and that the Chair of the Board and the Secretary

