

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 7:01 pm on Tuesday, May 25, 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 Charran Millsip

Jen Mezei, Chair acknowledged the Indigenous territories on which the district is located.

Confirmation of Agenda

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

THAT the agenda be approved, presented

Carried unanimously.

Delegations

Burnaby Family Life – Burnaby Community Action Table on Overdose Crisis (Burnaby CAT)

Dilpreet Thiara, Project Coordinator, Burnaby Family Life – Burnaby Community Action Table on Overdose Crisis (Burnaby CAT) provided a presentation on the organization's mandate and services. The organization was created in 2018 to decrease the stigma around substance abuse by providing peer support and connections to private and public services. Ms. Ana Maria Bustamante, Burnaby Together Coordinator & Burnaby CAT Supervisor joined Ms. Thiara as part of the delegation.

Inside Burnaby Schools

Trustees outlined several recent events in Burnaby schools, as per the Inside Burnaby Schools bulletin.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Ryan Stewart

THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of April 27, 2021 be approved, as presented.

Carried unanimously.

Board Chair Report

Jen Mezei, Chair, advised that planning is well underway for the upcoming school year as well as preparation of the budget. Ms. Mezei provided an overview of the factors which led to the decisions affecting the 2021/2022 budget put forward for approval at tonight's meeting.

The Board of Education received this information, as presented.

District Operations - Superintendent's Report

District Operations – Business Services Report

Annual Budget Bylaw for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Russell Horswill, Secretary/Treasurer, made a presentation on the annual budget for the fiscal year 2021/2022.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 receive three readings at this Board meeting held May 25, 2021

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ryan Stewart and seconded by Peter Cech

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 read a first time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Christine Cunningham and seconded by Bill Brassington:

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 approved a first time and read a second time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Peter Cech and seconded by Ryan Stewart

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 approved a second time and read a third time.

Carried unanimously.

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Christine Cunningham

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 approved a third time.

Carried unanimously.

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

THAT Annual Budget Bylaw for the fiscal year 2021/2022 having been read a first, second and third time, be finally passed and adopted the 25th of May, 2021; that the Chair of the Board and the Mayor

THAT the Board of Education approve the flying of the Pride flag at the District office to celebrate Pride Month on June 7, 2021 for one week on an annual basis each year going forward on the first Monday in June for a week.

Carried unanimously.

Correspondence

No public correspondence has been received.

Questions

Ms. Mezei read out three questions that had been submitted in advance and rMC9