

**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 District Conference Centre at 7:03 pm on Tuesday, May 28, 2019.

**Present**

Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes and Jen Mezei; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell and Executive Assistant Sandra Brunner.

**Agenda**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Peter Cech:

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Delegations**

Jim Irwin, Chair of the Burnaby Teacher-Librarians' Association, shared with trustees some of the collaborative work the BTLA has been doing in schools, using a wide variety of 21<sup>st</sup> century literacies such as teaching students to bead their names using binary codes in ADST, VEX IQ robotics and stop animation.

**Inside Burnaby Schools**

Bill Brassington outlined some recent events in Burnaby schools, as attached.

## Minutes

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Peter Cech:

*THAT the minutes of the Public Session meeting of April 23, 2019 be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

## Superintendent's Report

### Grade 7 Bands Participate in Canada's National Music Festival

Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction, outlined the district's longstanding elementary band program that has over 1,200 participants. The bands in three-quarters of the district's elementary schools are led by an itinerant band teacher.

Peter Wenzek, itinerant band teacher, introduced the combined grade 7 band from Westridge Elementary and Stride Avenue Community schools. After only their second time of playing together the students had entered the Vancouver Kiwanis Band Festival and so impressed the adjudicators that they had been invited to attend Music Fest, Canada's national music festival. The students played two selections - Kitty Hawk March and Aztec Sunrise, both by John Edmondson.

### Burnaby Schools Excel at Science Fairs

Donna Morgan, Science and Mathematics Program Consultant, outlined the science fair process whereby students start their research in October, hold in-class science fairs in January and the finalists are chosen to present at the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair at UBC in April. This year 19 of the district's projects won awards at the UBC fair and almost half of the 300 participants were Burnaby students. Eight students went on to participate in the Canada-Wide Science Fair held May 15-17 in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Claire Scrimini (grade 10), co

## **Correspondence**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

Youth and Community Services Committee

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

*THAT the Youth and Community Services Committee Report be received,  
as amended to show that the date of the next meeting has to be decided.*

Carried unanimously.

**District Operations – Administrative Services**

It was moved by Jen Mezei and seconded by