

**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 7:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

**Present**

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

Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill assumed the chair.

**Agenda**

It was moved by Larry Hayes and seconded by Jen Mezei:

*THAT the agenda be approved, as presented.*

Carried unanimously.

**Elections**

Election of Chair

Mr. Horswill called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2020/21.

Gary Wong nominated Jen Mezei who accepted the nomination.

Mr. Horswill called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, he declared Jen Mezei elected by acclamation Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2020/21.

Ms. Mezei assumed the chair.

#### Election of Vice-Chair

Ms. Mezei called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2020/21.

Larry Hayes nominated Bill Brassington who accepted the nomination.

Ms. Mezei called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, she declared Bill Brassington elected by acclamation Vice-Chair of the Burnaby Board of Education for 2020/21.

#### Election of BCSTA Provincial Councillor

Ms. Mezei called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor for 2020/21.

Peter Cech nominated Bill Brassington who accepted the nomination.

Ms. Mezei called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, she declared Bill Brassington elected by acclamation BCSTA Provincial Councillor for 2020/21.

#### Election of BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate

Ms. Mezei called for nominations for the position of BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate for 2020/21.

Ryan Stewart nominated Peter Cech who accepted the nomination.

Ms. Mezei called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, she declared Peter Cech elected by acclamation BCSTA Provincial Councillor Alternate for 2020/21.

#### Election of BCPSEA Trustee Representative

Ms. Mezei called for nominations for the position of BCPSEA Trustee Representative for 2020/21.

Peter Cech nominated Gary Wong who accepted the nomination.

Ms. Mezei called a second and a third time for nominations. There being none, she declared Gary Wong elected by acclamation BCPSEA Trustee Representative for 2020/21.

Election of BCPSEA Trustee Representative Alternate

## **Superintendent`s Report**

### Burnaby North Students Create Published Book

Dave Rawnsley, Burnaby North principal, introduced students and staff from the ACCESS program, an exceptional community, who had created and published a book called “1,2,3, Count with Me, A Bug Can Count if You Believe”. Judy Chiao, ACCESS teacher, and Patti Jensen, Educational Assistant, described how students of diverse abilities had come together to share their talents in a project that had taken two and a half years to complete. Aaron Waddington (Grade 12), described his use of Photoshop in the project and said the students wanted to show that creativity and team work is more important than making money. Leo Yamamoto (who had graduated in 2019) read an extract from the book.

### Mental Health and Wellness in Burnaby Schools

Nick Christofides, District Vice-Principal – Safe and Caring Schools, Ehecaringt6rincq1nBT

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Gary Wong and seconded by Christine Cunningham:

*THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 pm.*

Carried unanimously.

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Jen Mezei