

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Monday, January 9, 2017

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Monday, January 3, 2017 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Baljinder Narang (chair) and Katrina Chen, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, and DPAC Representative Jocelyn Schonekess.

1. Eye See... Eye Learn

Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli shared the latest statistics from *Eye See... Eye Learn*, a program that provides eye examinations and free prescription eyeglasses (if required) for all kindergarten children. The British Columbia Association of Optometrists (BCAO) received 29 reports between September and November 2016, a rate of 1.49% over 1.17% for the same time period last year. Out of 18 school districts that participate in this program Burnaby has the third highest growth rate. The BCAO and the Burnaby District are currently working on a reminder campaign and potential translation of the *Eye See... Eye Learn* information and application letter.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Spring Break Opportunities

The City of Burnaby Spring Break Children Camps schedule and information is accessible through the city's website. The schedule's hyperlink has been posted on the Burnaby School District website under the *Community* tab and has been forwarded to elementary schools with a reminder to post on the front page of their school site.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. New Business/Updates

a) Word Up! (Youth Speak, You Listen)

Word Up! (Youth Speak, You Listen) is a pilot project for youth to talk about issues that are important to them. It is a chance for adults to listen as youth ask questions about issues such as mental health, substance abuse, bullying, stress, online safety, and communicating with the adults in their lives. *Word Up!* will be held on Thursday, January 19 at Burnaby Central Secondary from 6:30 pm to 8:45 pm. A small number of parents, district staff and Trustees will be invited to attend this year's pilot event.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee will be Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 5:30 pm.