

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, January 14, 2014

1. Moscrop Receives Top Honours in Canadian Senior Math Contest

Ecole Moscrop recently received top honours in British Columbia and high recognition in Canada for their achievement in the Canadian Senior Math Contest. Moscrop teacher, Mr. Danny Young, has a large math competition club that he works with and currently has 5 of the highest scorers in the country.

This evening, Ron Hall, Director of Instruction, will introduce Mr. Young along with several of his students who will discuss both their exemplary results and the importance of their preparation achieved through their Math Competition Club.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. District Math Learning Teams

Over the last two years, Burnaby K-12 teachers have participated on math learning teams led by Dr. Peter Liljedahl, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at SFU.

The two central themes taught have been:

- The “Thinking Classroom” – creating an environment where students are engaged, puzzle through problems, communicate mathematically and collaborate with their peers
- Assessment in the “Thinking Classroom” – using assessment to promote thinking, engagement, and improved achievement – providing a summative report that reflects the learning

The response to Dr. Liljedahl’s lessons has been extremely positive and for many teachers, the experience has been transformational.

Tonight, Ron Hall, Director of Instruction will introduce Ron Colborn, Program Consultant, District Math and Science, who will share a presentation with you.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.