

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, January 22, 2013

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 5:15 pm. In attendance were: Trustees James Wang (Chair), Meiling Chia and Larry Hayes; DPAC Representative Janet Reid; Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank and Director of Facilities Services Russ Sales.

1. Capital Projects Update

The committee reviewed the Capital Projects Update report. The report included details on the capital projects currently in various stages of construction and planning within the district. Highlights include:

Alpha Secondary Seismic Upgrade

- Ministry funding and project approval pending
- Seismic Project Identification Draft Report completed and distributed for peer review and quantity surveyor costing
- Project Identification Report under development
- District is requesting partial school replacement as part of seismic project

Burnaby Central Secondary School – Replacement Project

- Construction value \$50 million – school construction project complete
- City of Burnaby partnership in track, field and related facilities
- City contractor working on Rubberized track surface to be installed in 2013
- City of Burnaby track to be completed in 2013

Gilmore Community Elementary School – Seismic Upgrade

- Construction value \$13 million
- District review of project scope and Ministry of Education funding in process
- Centre Block East has been re-occupied by school
- Exterior brickwork underway
- Target project completion date – spring 2013

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. City of Burnaby Food Scrap Program

Director of Facilities Services Russ Sales updated the committee on a program implemented by the Facilities Services Department in conjunction with the City of Burnaby to manage food scrap waste. The initial pilot program, introduced in January, 2012, involved nine schools. As a result of this pilot program over 12,000 kg of food scraps were diverted from landfills in 2012.

To assist the City in its goal to reduce regional waste by 70% by 2015, the district is proposing to expand the food scrap program to all schools in March 2013. The district will provide secondary schools with four food scraps totes and elementary schools with two. It is anticipated that, with the focus on recycling and managing food scrap waste, garbage pick-up at schools will be reduced over the coming months.

The committee suggested the district may want to explore a corporate sponsorship of the district's recycling and waste management program.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Pledge for a Sustainable Burnaby

The Pledge for a Sustainable Burnaby is a Burnaby Board of Trade ("BBOT") initiative. It is a comprehensive online resource to help businesses reduce their carbon footprint while at the same time promoting their company and saving money. Program participants have access to resources, tips and case studies to help them create a more sustainable workplace and opportunities to share their successes, serve as role models and pledge to take on new challenges. Pledge members are added to the BBOT Pledge Directory and recognized throughout the year at BBOT trade events and through their many communication channels. The committee agreed the district should participate in the BBOT initiative.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Letter from the Auditor-General of BC

The committee reviewed a letter from the Auditor-General of BC outlining a project on *Information and Technology (IT) General Controls*. The project is designed to determine the level of maturity that all government reporting entities have attained with respect to managing IT general controls and protecting the information they collect, store and transmit. Manager of IT Services Ken Kiewitz will be the district's contact person for the project.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

5. Next Meeting

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 19.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Reporting to Public Session January 22, 2013

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were Trustee committee members Baljinder Narang (Chair), Meiling Chia, Harman Pandher, Gina Niccoli-Moen, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, Jodie Wilson, Manager Communications for item 2 and Kevin Brandt, Principal Burnaby North, Lisa Hartman, Vice-Principal Burnaby North and Deirdre Moore, Teacher Byrne Creek Secondary for item 4.

1.0 Reports from Community Committees

Trustees who represent the Board on community committees updated the YCSC on items that would be of interest to the Board.

1.1 From the City of Burnaby's Task Force on the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth.

Trustee Narang updated the committee on the following initiatives:

- The task force is hosting a session on January 16th with Merlyn Horton, Safe Online Outreach Society, regarding Online Sexual Exploitation and Internet Safety. The session is for Burnaby and New West service providers; Burnaby School District, Burnaby RCMP, MCFD and other community partners.
- The task force is hoping to gain a better idea of the number of Burnaby and New Westminster youth that are at-risk, suspected or confirmed as being sexually exploited.
- Youth Voice, the youth subcommittee of the task force, will be sponsoring the 4th annual *Walk 2 Raise Awareness of Youth Sexual Exploitation* this spring. The date of the walk is still to be determined.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2.0 Russian Roulette - Burnaby Mountain Theatre Production Company

In 2011, the drug, Ecstasy, took the lives of 16 people in British Columbia. In response to this concerning trend, the Burnaby school district and the Burnaby RCMP worked with students to create a play to raise awareness of this issue. Students in Burnaby Mountain's Theatre Production Company created a docu-drama entitled *Russian Roulette*. Led by drama teacher, Felicity Rudolph, the 45 minute play has been performed in four Burnaby secondary schools and will be staged in three more schools in early January. The play is followed by a 'Question and Answer' session facilitated by the district's Substance Abuse Prevention Worker, Brenda LaFace. Students also receive a brochure written specifically for teens with further information on the drug and how to access support. The Burnaby RCMP has been a partner in this initiative with funding as a result of a BC Ministry of Justice grant.

A free public performance for parents and their children (ages 12 +) as well as all members of the community will take place at the Michael J. Fox Theatre on Wednesday, January 16 at 7 p.m.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3.0 Middle Years Development Instrument

The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report survey that is completed by students in grade 4 to obtain information about their lives inside and outside of school. The survey uses a developmental assets/strengths-based approach to assess five dimensions of children's well-being: social and emotional development; feelings of connectedness to school, family, friends and communities; school experiences; physical health and well-being; and time use during the after school hours. The purpose of the instrument is to promote children's well-being, not to assess individual children, schools or districts.

Surveys were completed by December 5, 2012 by thirty-eight of the district's elementary schools. An analysis will be completed by April and districts will receive results that can then be shared.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

4.0 District's Anti-Bullying Initiatives

The committee received an update regarding two of the district's initiatives regarding a series of cyber and on-line anti-bullying initiatives. Burnaby North Secondary School hosted an *Internet Safety* seminar featuring Jesse Miller, Internet Safety Consultant. The presentation on November 27, 2012, was open to all parents and community members. Topics included privacy settings, social networking and the risks of digital technologies. The following morning, Jessie Miller spoke to students at Burnaby North and grades 5, 6 and 7 students in North's neighbouring elementary schools. The Internet Safety presentation was engaging and thought-provoking for both parents and students. Burnaby North's unique approach fostered parent engagement in the evening session and a continuation of the conversation with students the following day.

On the following evening, November 28, 2012, Merlyn Horton, founder of Safe Online Outreach Society (SOLOS), presented *Parenting in a Cyberage* to interested Burnaby parents. The presentation was held at Byrne Creek Secondary School, Centre for Dialogue. The purpose of the presentation was to keep parents up to date with current trends online relating to young people and to offer suggestions on how parents can work to ensure the safety and responsibility of their children online. The presentation orients parents to some popular social media sites, using video to illustrate internet activities.

Presentations at both Moscrop and Byrne Creek Secondary Schools are planned for student audiences in 2013.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

5.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

6.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee is February 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.