

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

The Education Committee met on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 4:15 pm. In attendance were Trustees James Wang and Harman Pandher, Assistant Superintendents Kevin Kaardal and Heather Hart and DPAC representative Jennifer Mezei.

1. International Baccalaureate Program

The International Baccalaureate Program (IB) Program is a course of studies designed to develop student potential through a holistic approach, emphasizing all aspects of learning and becoming a life-long learner. It includes six areas of study, combining academics with extra-curricular activities and a community service component.

Director of Instruction, Wanda Mitchell and District Principal, Shairoz Merani presented an overview of IB programs, including the primary years, middle years and diploma programs respectively. While researching the programs, staff identified factors for consideration that include the process for becoming an IB school, specialized teacher training and staffing needs, as well as some funding requirements. A review of metro Vancouver school districts currently offering the IB program was also presented.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Summit Learning at University Highlands Elementary School

Principal, Lori Driussi presented information on the Summit Learning programs at University Highlands Elementary School. The three themes of Summit Learning are Sustainability, Community Involvement and Inquiry-based Learning.

Principal Driussi highlighted approaches to learning and projects from each of the themes. Projects such as the Stream of Dreams, learning around recycling, waterways and forestry stewardship, the mobile dairy and plans for a community garden reinforced the theme of sustainability. The community involvement theme was reinforced by a multicultural dinner, involvement in the school community of students from Simon Fraser University who supported charity fundraising and the students participation in the Terry Fox Run. In addition, financial support for a variety of projects was received from local merchants and developers.

A number of educational partnerships have developed to support the Inquiry theme with the faculty and Simon Fraser University. Dr. Egan is working with the school on Learning in Depth (LID), an inquiry based approach to learning that allows students the opportunity to

learn broadly and deeply about a specific topic. The expert learner then presents their learning to school and the community. Both the children and their families are engaged in the process.

University Highlands provides primary students with a 'Reggio Inspired' approach to learning. This approach to teaching and learning assists in nurturing the natural curiosity of the child. Teachers create the conditions for exploration in the classroom and the natural environment and facilitate the child's guided exploration. The learning outcomes are easily met through the exploration and engagement in learning that is being demonstrated.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Report on HIV/AIDS Education

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Kaardal provided a summary of HIV/AIDS Education and how it is currently addressed in the program of studies. This topic is taught in age appropriate ways in the Health Curriculum in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, in Planning 10 and senior Humanities and Science courses. It is also addressed from a social justice perspective in a variety of clubs in secondary schools throughout the district.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, February 14, 2012

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 4:35 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Claudio Morelli, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Gina Niccoli-Moen and Heather Hart; and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno.

1. Draft 2011/2012 Amended Operating Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank provided the committee with an overview of the district's draft 2011/2012 amended operating budget. The district is in the process of updating its operating budget to reflect revised projections of operating revenues and expenses for the current year.

Further information will be brought to the next meeting. The 2011/2012 Amended Operating Budget will be presented to the February 28, 2012 public board meeting for approval.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Draft 2012/2013 Budget Process and Timelines

Mr. Frank reviewed with the committee the draft 2012/2013 budget process and timelines. Key dates include:

- February 28, 2012 – Board approval of the 2011/2012 Amended Operating Budget
- March 15, 2012 – Ministry announcement of the 2012/2013 preliminary operating grant funding
- April 24, 2012 – Board approval of the balanced 2012/2013 Preliminary Operating Budget and three-year operating budget

The budget process will include use of the district's website to provide information on the district's budget process, budget details and related information and to seek input from the public on budget priorities and related issues. Partner group participation will play a key role in the budget development process. The Board will hold a public budget meeting in March.

In compliance with new Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) requirements, the 2012/2013 budget will be prepared on a consolidated basis, including operating, special purpose and capital funds.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**3. Letter from the Minister of Education, December 9:
Funding Formula Changes**

Mr. Frank provided the committee with an overview of changes to the funding formula that will be effective in 2012/2013, as described in a letter from the Minister of Education dated December 9, 2011. The changes to the funding formula will include a modification to funding protection that will protect districts with declining student populations and ensure they receive at least 98.5% of the previous year's operating grant. Savings resulting from the change in funding protection will be reallocated to fund changes to CommunityLINK funding, Transportation or student location funding, the Small Community supplement and the Low Enrolment supplement. These funding model changes are anticipated to be revenue-neutral provincially. Full details on the impact of these changes on the Burnaby School District have not yet been made available.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Trustee committee members Baljinder Narang (Chair), Meiling Chia, Harman Pandher for items 4 and 5, Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Sue Dorey, Manager Youth Services, Corporal Neil Roemer, Burnaby RCMP and Larry Hayes, Trustee Chair for item 2.

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 Social Issues Committee

The committee received information regarding the community plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning. The plan, released by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates and the Early Childhood Educators of B.C., focuses on supporting B.C. families with young children requiring affordable childcare. The plan proposes:

- Affordable parent fees
- The right to participate
- A new home in the Ministry of Education
- Early years centre networks

The plan builds on the strengths of quality, community-based child care and the strengths of the public education system.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information and endorse the Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning.

1.2 From the District's Community School Advisory Committee

The committee received a presentation from Byrne Creek Secondary School – the history, process and current status of Byrne Creek, Burnaby's first pilot Community Secondary model. David Rawnsley (Principal) and Iha Farquhar (Community School Coordinator) shared a video presentation of the school, currently operating as an integrated, comprehensive full community model.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2.0 "Choices" – A Presentation Series

Corporal Neil Roemer, Burnaby RCMP and Sue Dorey, Manager Youth Services presented a draft proposal regarding three programs for consideration. The programs would involve a series of presentations at each of the district's schools in partnership with the RCMP. The first presentation, "*The Gang Life – Reality vs Image*", is a presentation for secondary schools. With input from school and district staff, each presentation would

reflect the opportunities and choices available to students at their schools. The program aims to reinforce the pride in each respective school community and emphasizes the benefits of positive choices and the consequences of poor choices. The ultimate goal is to heighten youth awareness of the importance of positive choices, provide support and encouragement for a healthy lifestyle and to reduce involvement with gangs.

The second presentation, “*Operation Acorn*”, focuses on children in elementary schools. The objectives of the program include learning about and reinforcing positive behavior and actions and introducing police officers as positive role models in the community.

The fun and interactive program is designed to promote healthy lifestyles, increase self confidence, promote positive and respectful behavior and encourage positive choices and judgment.

The third presentation, “*Let’s Talk*”, is designed for parents. Here, the Burnaby RCMP aim to work with families in supporting parents with helpful information about the community of Burnaby and urging parents to “get involved” in their children’s activities.

Corporal Roemer summarized the objectives of each presentation, seeking input from the Burnaby School District in making these worthwhile presentations accessible and relevant for all families.

The presentations will commence in the spring of 2012 and continue into the 2012-2013 school year.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3.0 Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

Go Girls! Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds is a mentoring program designed to encourage physical activity participation, healthy eating choices and the development of a positive self-image among girls, 11-14 years of age. It is an eight session program, led by volunteer female mentors from Big Sisters of B.C. Lower Mainland with the support of school personnel.

The program incorporates fun, educational games and activities as well as self-reflection and group discussion about healthy living and emotional, social and cultural issues.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information and approve participation in the program.

4.0 Implementation of Burnaby’s Social Sustainability Strategy

The City of Burnaby’s Social Sustainability Strategy articulates a social sustainability vision and long term sustainable goals for the City. It proposes initiatives and actions for the City and for possible partners. The school district received a list of actions which identify the district as one such partner. A response from the school district was requested, outlining the following:

- The school districts' degree of interest or future plans to achieve each action
- Any actions that are priorities for the school district
- Any actions the school district is currently working on

It was suggested that the information be forwarded to the City, outlining the aforementioned actions to the Senior Social Planner.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

5.0 Neighbourhood Learning Coordinator

The committee received an update regarding the district's Neighbourhood Learning Coordinator pilot project. The project is a unique opportunity in that the coordinator will work between three schools – Windsor Elementary, Armstrong Elementary and Cariboo Hill Secondary to support a community school model. Each of the schools has identified areas (elements of the community school model) where they would like additional support including after school programming and family support.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information..

6.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services committee will be on Tuesday, March 6, 2012.