

## **YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **Reporting to Public Session April 9, 2013**

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Trustee committee members Larry Hayes (Chair), Meiling Chia, Gina Niccoli-Moen, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, and Sue Dorey, Manager Safe and Caring Schools 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 District Community Schools**

Trustee Narang reported on the March 14, 2013 meeting of the District Community School Advisory and Coordinating Committee. The committee received a presentation by Byrne Creek Secondary School sharing their experiences and success to date piloting the community school model.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

##### **1.2 Community Policing**

Trustee Hayes reported on the Community Policing meeting of March 14, 2013. The committee received a presentation by RCMP Chief Superintendent Dave Critchley on the status of peacekeeping clubs in Burnaby's secondary schools.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

#### **2.0 Mental Health Supports**

The committee received a presentation regarding school, district and community programs in place to support children, youth and families in dealing with mental health issues. Manager Safe and Caring Schools, Sue Dorey, shared the district's multi-level overview of services and resources available, including:

*Preventative Supports* offered in all schools to build awareness and social emotional learning. These strategies are intended to provide children and youth with the skills needed to assist with life's challenges.

*Supportive Interventions* included those supports targeting youth, parents and staff to increase capacity in identifying and dealing with emerging mental health issues. Numerous schools and community-based supports provide curricula designed to educate children and youth about mental wellness, supports and coping skills.

*Intensive Supports* available for students who may suffer from complex mental health concerns. These interventions are designed to provide assessment, stabilization and

initial treatment. These programs link and refer children and youth back to community-based services for ongoing support and treatment.

The school district works collaboratively with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Child and Youth Mental Health Services, and community agencies in order to ensure students and their families with mental health needs are aware of the resources available to them and are supported in accessing these services.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

### **3.0 City of Burnaby – Social Sustainability Strategy**

The committee received a copy of the City of Burnaby's Social Sustainability Strategy and plans for implementation. The committee asked staff to review pertinent strategic priorities and actions that would provide continued opportunities for partnership and showcase the exemplary work of the district.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

### **4.0 New Business**

#### **4.1 You Can Play**

*You Can Play*, a free public forum on homophobia and sports was held at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby on March 28, 2013. It was the first event of its kind for Burnaby, and proved to be a successful event with a powerful message. It was suggested that provisions for a focused promotion of the event in future years may assist in the positive and important message reaching a wider audience.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

#### **4.2 The Esso Cup**

Hockey Canada's National Female Midget Hockey Championship is taking place in Burnaby at Bill Copeland Arena, April 22 – 25, 2013. Teams from across Canada will be cheered on by over 6,000 Burnaby students. Students from elementary schools will attend the tournament each day while students from Burnaby's secondary schools are singing the national anthem, in both English and French, at each of the final games.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

#### **4.3 National Child & Youth Mental Health Day – May 7, 2013**

School counsellors across the district are working with staff to share resources and curriculum to promote awareness of and support for mental health issues.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

## **5.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

## **6.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee is Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.