

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session on Monday, April 11, 2016

The Education Committee met on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Meiling Chia and Katrina Chen, BTA President Rae Figursky, DPAC Representative Kristen Schnider and Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell.

1. Communicating Student Learning

Dr. Sharon Jeroski, educational researcher in British Columbia, has worked as a facilitator with approximately 70 secondary and elementary teachers and administrators to develop a collaborative and inquiry-based approach to assessment and evaluation. Each of the three sessions began with an update from the Ministry of Education on the redesigned curriculum followed by guiding questions that led to provocative discussion around what is purposeful and possible.

Given that teachers from schools worked collaboratively in each session, there was a great opportunity to network and learn from one another. During the sessions, teachers from various disciplines and grades were able to reflect upon their own learning and focus on their individual practice; what they observed or collected, what they learned and what they will do next.

Veroncia Ignas and Olga Sokolova, Moscrop Science Teachers, shared how the sessions had set the platform for a high level of engagement where their learning was enhanced and how this authentic opportunity for professional development was changing their practice to better meet the learning needs of their students. While Deena Lewis, Physical Education Department Head from Burnaby Mountain Secondary, spoke of the engagement within the teacher learner community and her ability to give both students and parents much more information/feedback on the learner. She felt that she was able to give students more knowledge about the ‘whys’ of the marks they achieved.

Jillian Lewis, Brentwood Elementary Principal, explained that a number of teachers on staff are making learning visible and providing opportunities for students to learn through experience. This has spurred the need for children to have endless ways of expressing what they know. Learning stories, eportfolios, class blogs and student blogs assist the teacher, students and parents in knowing where the student is in their learning. In the formal reporting process, the teacher, students and parents come together in a three way conference to celebrate the learning and plan next steps for the learner.

Claudio Bortolussi, Chaffey-Burke Principal, presented the committee with information about how staff is preparing for the redesigned curriculum by focussing on the core competencies and how assessment can look different. They planned a series of community events focussing on how parents could support their child in learning. These information

evenings also help parents to see various ways in which a child's learning can be communicated.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

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1. YELL – Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad

Garth Errico, Director of Instruction, introduced David Cameron, Executive Director of (YELL) who spoke about the Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad (YELL Canada), a registered Canadian charity with a mandate to support the enhanced delivery of business and entrepreneurship courses in secondary schools. It is free of charge for the school district and connects youth with local leaders and mentors, equipping youth with an entrepreneurial mindset rooted in creative and critical thinking.

Since 2013, over 100 mentors and business leaders have been brought into classrooms. YELL has impacted students in Coquitlam, West Vancouver and Richmond School Districts. YELL acts as a convenor and facilitator between secondary schools, youth and the business community. Once partnering with a school district, YELL works with teachers to incorporate the Young Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad within learning outcomes that have been modified and designed to meet requirements of the course.

YELL is looking to partner with the Burnaby School District to support the enhanced delivery of Entrepreneurship 12 with an initial two classrooms in Fall 2016. In the future, YELL is hoping to expand the partnership to ensure that all students in the Burnaby School District have the ability to study entrepreneurship.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Burnaby Tennis Club

Ron Hall, Director of Instruction, provided the committee with information regarding the potential of having the Burnaby Tennis Club connect with schools to promote tennis and investigate ways in which the club could support schools in teaching the game.

George McLachrie, Burnaby Tennis Club, President, met with secondary Physical Education Department Heads to discuss ways the club could assist Physical Education classes and tennis teams. He had a positive response from teachers and is looking at ways to help with funding to provide opportunities for students to play at the Burnaby Tennis Club courts. He is interested in providing assistance to both secondary and elementary students in the areas of coaching and mentoring.

Burnaby Tennis Club will be sponsoring the Burnaby Open this year and George will be speaking to local businesses about backing this cause as well as the possibility of creating an Endowment Fund to help with associated costs of having Burnaby students involved in tennis opportunities. The Burnaby School District will continue talks with the Burnaby Tennis Club. This may involve a potential partnership at a future date.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, April 11, 2016

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 5:40 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno and Manager, Finance & Budgets Shind Chand.

1. Draft 2016/2017 Status Quo operating Budget

Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer, presented a draft projected 2016/2017 three-year status quo operating budget for the district. The draft budget reflected preliminary projections for enrolment, the provincial operating grant and other revenues and expenditures. Staff will continue to refine the draft budget based on the anticipated Ministry of Education release of the operating grant details expected on March 15th, and will bring forward an updated draft budget to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Potential Budget Issues

Mr. Frank provided the committee with potential budget issues for 2016/2017. The committee discussed these issues in detail and provided feedback to staff.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, April 11, 2016

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at 7:00 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents, Heather Hart and Roberto Bombelli; Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno.

1. Meeting with Partner Groups

The committee had previously met that evening with partner group representatives from the BTA (Frank Bonvino, First Vice-President and Leanne Sjodin, Second Vice-President), CUPE (Paul Simpson, President, and Nicole Montgomery, Vice-President) and DPAC (Jen Mezei, Chair). Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer, had presented information on the district's draft 2016/2017 annual budget including updated budget projections, key budget issues and potential reserve allocations.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Draft 2016/2017 Status Quo Operating Budget

Mr. Frank presented an updated draft of the projected 2016/2017 status quo operating budget which reflects the Ministry of Education Operating Grant announced on March 15, 2016 and projected additional funding from the February and May funding recalc. Further feedback is expected from the ongoing budget process, including the public budget meeting on April 6 at 7:00 pm at Burnaby Central Secondary School, feedback through the district's website and partner group input. Updated information will be brought to the next meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Potential Reserve Allocations

Mr. Frank provided the committee with an updated listing of potential reserve allocations for 2016/2017. Trustees discussed the information in detail and this will be brought forward to the next meeting for further discussion.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Contract Award Alpha Secondary School Seismic Upgrade

In accordance with Policy 3.80 Purchasing Goods and Services, Mr. Frank provided the committee with a report on the award of a contract for the provision of construction management services for the Alpha Secondary School capital project. The contract has been awarded to Unitech Construction Management.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information n.

5. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Monday, April 11, 2016

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Baljinder Narang (chair), Larry Hayes and Katrina Chen, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, DPAC Representative Kristin Schnider, Burnaby South Principal LeeAnne Kristmanson for item 2, and Director of Instruction, Peter Dubinsky, for item 3.

1. 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.

Parks & Recreation

Trustee Chen reported back from the February 17 meeting the following approvals:

- Clinton playground development application
- Cariboo Hill artificial turf sports field replacement (May-August)
- Partnership with SFU – Festival of Learning May 1 – 7, 2016

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Distracted Driving Public Service Announcement Project

LeeAnne Kristmanson, Principal of Burnaby South Secondary School, presented information on *Distracted Driving Public Service Announcement* videos created by 15 Burnaby South Media Arts students, with the assistance of teacher Vania Alexieva. This year's focus is on pedestrian safety, mobile phone safety and awareness. The RCMP will be using the videos via social media sites. Students are in the finishing stages of production and once completed would be pleased to share the videos with the Board.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Vancouver Sun Adopt a School

Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction, presented an update on the *Vancouver Sun Adopt a School* program at Douglas Road Elementary School. A research report on the effectiveness of the program resulted in the following findings:

- Increased participation in the program from the first to the second year
- Participation throughout K-7 with the highest attendance in grades 4, 5, and 7
- Program participation has shown increased school attendance for students
- Student feedback responses were overwhelmingly positive
- The community building aspect of the program was an unintended outcome of the project but has now become a focus of the Beedie Group moving forward

- Beedie Group would like to use this data to encourage other organizations/businesses to invest in breakfast programs for the community building aspect

The Vancouver Sun will be writing an article on the Douglas Road Elementary School Breakfast Club in the near future.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. New Business/Updates

a) Spring Break Opportunities

The committee reviewed a current list of program opportunities for the upcoming Spring Break, March 14 - 28. The City of Burnaby flyer outlines offerings available at local community centres, libraries, recreation complexes and other community resources. Childcare centres located in Burnaby schools, which will be open during the two week break and which may have additional spaces available, are listed for ease of reference. Information is available at schools and posted on the district website.

b) ERASE Training

The District continues to participate in ERASE training, levels 1 – 3, as staff in new positions require. The District is also working on a joint training session with the Burnaby RCMP.

c) Burnaby Healthier Community Partnership

Developed in 2013, The *Burnaby Healthier Community Partnership* (BHCP) includes the City of Burnaby, Fraser Health, the Burnaby School District, and the Burnaby Division of Family Practice. The partnership endeavors to support all Burnaby residents with knowledge and opportunities that empower them to improve their health and well-being. The BHCP's purpose is to understand and identify emergent health issues that impact the well-being of Burnaby residents, to work collaboratively on community based initiatives that promote health and well-being, and to share information on shifting health priorities within Burnaby.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee will be Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 5:30 pm.