

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, April 22, 2014

The Education Committee met on Tuesday, April 8th at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Ron Burton and James Wang, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart and DPAC representative Jennifer Mezei.

The Education Committee met on Monday, March 3rd at 4:15 pm. The Committee did not have quorum. Presentations were heard regarding upcoming Board/Authority Authorized Courses.

The committee was updated about the presentations at the April 8th meeting.

1. Board Authorized Courses

LeeAnne Kristmanson, Principal of Burnaby South Secondary, and Jamie Stewart, Science Department Head of Burnaby South Secondary, presented rationale for the Board/Authority Authorized Course, *Applications of Leadership – Environment and Sustainability 11/12*. This is a two-year program that prepares students to work in the field of environmental science and sustainability. It focuses on leadership development, communication, teamwork, professionalism and planning, through the development of environmental awareness and sustainability work at the school and community level.

LeeAnne Kristmanson, Principal of Burnaby South Secondary, and Kent Lui, science teacher at Burnaby South Secondary, presented rationale for a Board/Authority Authorized Course, *Applied Interdisciplinary Design 10-12*. This course is designed to integrate the disciplines of science, technology, business and art. Students will learn a design methodology that will enable them to identify a critical issue, develop it as a design proposal, develop a working prototype, and present their work to peers, user groups and industry experts.

Tim Wozney, Vice Principal of Burnaby Mountain Secondary School, and Deanna Gestrin, music teacher at Burnaby Mountain Secondary School, presented rationale for a Board/Authority Authorized Course, *Chamber Choir 9-12*. This course has been designed to challenge high school vocalists. Students will develop skills in vocal technique, music theory, sight reading, tone matching, phrasing, text expression and group and solo performances. Working in smaller vocal ensembles, students will work on a high level repertoire to develop their musical ear and vocal independence.

Kevin Brandt, Director of Instruction, presented rationale for a Board/Authority Authorized Course, *Greek Language Course 11*, to be offered through Burnaby Online. This course has been developed to encourage students to explore Greek language and culture. Students will learn basic Greek vocabulary, pronunciations and phrases useful for travel, social contacts and daily activities. They will examine various aspects of Greek culture such as Greek history, mythology, cuisine and geography.

Recommendation: THAT the Board approve *Applications of Leadership – Environment and Sustainability 11/12, Applied Interdisciplinary Design 10-12, Chamber Choir 9-12, and Greek Language Course 11* as Board/Authority Approved Courses.

2. School Community Outdoor Garden and Classroom

Principal Sue Montabello, Ecole Cariboo Hill Secondary presented rationale for the school's community garden and outdoor classroom. The school garden was developed to create a fluid connection between the school and the natural environment. It also provides an invitation for the broader community, elementary students in the zone and the adjacent George Derby Centre residents, to connect, enjoy and work in the garden alongside Cariboo Hill students and teachers.

Alternate Education teacher, Brian Saunders and Physical Education Department Head, Wendy Palmer presented data indicating that students are spending less time outdoors, connecting with the outside world and nature. They presented ways that working and studying in the outside environment could satisfy learning outcomes in a number of curricular areas and also serve to help students choose healthy, sustainable lifestyle activities.

The outdoor classroom would include indigenous plants and insects, with ties to learning outcomes in Science, Art, Physical Education, English, Home Economics, Technical, Ecological and Aboriginal Education in numerous grade levels.

The school will be working with district facilities to determine optimal arrangements for expanding the outdoor area.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, May 5th, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, April 22, 2014

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 4:40 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher (via teleconference), James Wang (joined meeting at 5:00 pm) and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno.

1. Meeting with Partner Groups

The committee had previously met at 4:00 p.m. with partner group representatives from the BTA (James Sanyshyn, President and Frank Bonvino, Vice-President), CUPE (Paul Simpson, President, and John Delima, Secretary), and DSAC (Thalia Lang, President and Janani Ravikularam, Secretary). Each of the partner groups had presented the priorities they would like to see addressed within the 2014/2015 operating budget.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Draft Projected 2014/2015 Status Quo Budget

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank presented updated highlights of the district's projected 2014/2015 status quo budget which reflect a shortfall of \$2.85 million after application of surpluses.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Potential Areas of Budget Adjustment

Mr. Frank provided the committee with an updated listing of potential budget adjustments for 2014/2015. The committee discussed the potential budget adjustments in detail and considered feedback from the budget process including the partner group presentations, the public budget meeting on April 9 and input received through the district's website. The committee provided direction to staff on the budget adjustments to be included in the 2014/2015 operating budget.

Larry Hayes left the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Recommendation: THAT staff prepare the 2014/2015 annual budget bylaw inclusive of the revised 2014/2015 budget adjustments for presentation to the Board for approval at the April 22 public meeting.

4. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.