

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, April 23, 2013

1. Burnaby's Got Talent

Over the past 10 years, Burnaby District Student Advisory Committee (DSAC) has organized and hosted a district talent competition. This year *Burnaby's Got Talent* was held on April 10 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre with a record setting audience of over 500. There were sixteen acts, representing each of Burnaby's eight secondary schools, competing to raise funds for a worthy cause. It was an incredible showcase of Burnaby's best student talent. After a panel of judges faced the difficult task of narrowing it down to four acts, the audience cast their votes.

The talent in this year's competition was very diverse ranging from opera singers to rock bands and the overall title went to Burnaby South's Samuel Kim and Peggy Yeh, and their band. The real winner was the Burnaby Taskforce on Homelessness as the students raised \$5,500 for their cause.

This evening Director of Instruction, Ron Hall will introduce Co-Chairs of DSAC, Allie Graham and Kieren Gadhia who will introduce Byrne Creek International Student Huahaohao Zhang, who will perform.

Recommendation: That the Board receive this information.

2. French Immersion Public Speaking Contest

On an annual basis, the Burnaby School district participates in the French Public Speaking contest, "Concours d'art oratoire". Students participate from grade 6 to grade 12 Francophone, French as a Second Language and early and late French Immersion programs. The "concours", as it is called in French, is collaboration between Canadian Parents for French and the school district.

This year over 100 students presented their speeches at Schou Education Centre. First place winners from the district move on to compete at the provincial level. At the grade 12 level, first place winners from the provincial level, go on to a national competition.

Tonight, Heidi Wilson, teacher from Ecole Cascade Heights will introduce Maddy Gomes a grade six student from Ecole Cascade Heights and a secondary student (TBD) who will recite their speeches.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.