

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session on Monday, May 8, 2017

1. Burnaby's Got Talent 2017

Over the past 14 years, the District's Student Advisory Committee (DSAC) has organized and hosted a district talent competition. This year Burnaby's Got Talent was held on April 18 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre with an audience of over 400 attendees. There were 16 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 guest judges faced the difficult task of narrowing it down to four acts, audience members had the opportunity to cast their votes.

The talent in this year's competition was diverse ranging from singers, dancers, beatboxers and musicians. The overall title went to Jorry Luz, singer from Byrne Creek Secondary School. The real winner was the Helping Families in Need Society, as the students raised over \$3000 for their cause of supporting women in transition, immigrant and refugee families, and others in need in the community.

This evening, members of the DSAC are accompanied by Byrne Creek's Jorry Luz, Lynn Rosa Meyer from Cariboo Hill Secondary and June Lee from Burnaby Mountain Secondary, who will showcase their performances.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Blues and Bites 2017

On Saturday, April 8, 2017, students from the Burnaby ACE-IT Cooks Training program partnered with Chef Peter Bucher, Chef Instructor, École Mission Secondary School and his team of culinary apprentices to host the Blues and Bites Gala Fundraiser. The Blues and Bites Fundraiser is an annual evening of fine food, local wine and great Blues music.

Blues and Bites is a fundraiser to continue to provide services, education and support to children and adults on the Autism Spectrum in our community and throughout British Columbia. One in every 68 children born today are affected. The financial impact is considerable for families with members on the Autism Spectrum.

Run by volunteers, the Autism Support Network is an organization of families and professionals that seek to build local community-based support networks, and provide resources to families including information, education and improved access to quality, scientifically-proven Autism treatment. They offer individualized support, host community meetings and many other social and educational events throughout the year.

Chefs and their apprentices from all over the lower mainland, including Chef Natham Hyam, Aboriginal Culinary Program in Chilliwack, Chef Brian Roodenrys, Semiahmoo

Secondary School and our own Chef Stephen Wade, Burnaby Central ACE-IT program cooked up a storm all in support of the Autism Support Network.

This evening, Chef Stephen Wade along with students Julie Huang and Jovan Ilic will share their experiences from the evening.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.