

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session on Monday, May 8, 2017

The Education Committee met on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Meiling Chia and Baljinder Narang, DPAC Representative Kristin Schnider, BTA Vice-President Leanne Sjodin and Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell.

1. Burnaby Mountain Secondary Collaboration Time Proposal

Lee Anne Kristmanson, Principal Burnaby Mountain Secondary and David Greve, Vice-Principal along with Barry Callister, Science teacher and Ed Ko, Math Teacher presented the committee with a proposal for implementing collaboration time at Burnaby Mountain Secondary.

The group presented the school's plan for a formalized and regular collaboration time model to be implemented in September 2017. The implementation of this model will allow staff to enhance student learning and improve the educational experience for students. They outlined the details and structure of the model for both students and staff and highlighted the importance of focussing on changes happening around the redesigned curriculum and in assessment and evaluation. They also identified the importance of having strong learner-focused goals in working with student mentors and student peers.

The Burnaby Mountain Secondary staff will be posting information on the collaboration groups on the school website to share with the school community. Staff, PAC and the school parent community were consulted prior to the proposal being presented to Education Committee.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive and approve this information.

2. Joint Projects

Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction introduced Ann Thorup, Program Consultant English Language Learners and Suzanne Vardy, Co-ordinator, Student Safety and Child Abuse Prevention who shared some of the work being done in Joint Projects within the Staff Development Team.

Learning Circle: Weaving together Restorative Approaches, Aboriginal Perspectives and SEL in the Classroom

The purpose of this joint project was to develop and deepen participants' understanding of how restorative approaches, Aboriginal perspectives and social/emotional learning relates to school climate and student learning. Suzanne Vardy, along with Caitlin Grisack, Co-ordinator, Burnaby RCMP Youth Services' Restorative Justice Program, Meagan Innes,

Aboriginal Education Enhancement Teacher, Lori Magri, Principal, Clinton Elementary, and Janice Matharu, Teacher, Clinton structured sessions to have multiple entry points to enable everyone to find a comfortable “jumping off” point to launch into an area of professional growth. The sessions were experiential and designed so that participants were able to learn as much from each other as from the facilitators.

Creating Pathways for ALL Learners

This joint project was designed to support the teaching and learning of all students, with an emphasis on English Language Learners. Ann Thorup, teamed with Tanis Anderson, Acting Literacy Consultant and Dr. Leyton Schnellert, UBC Okanagan and 22 elementary and secondary teachers to strengthen co-planning and co-teaching practices between ELL and mainstream teachers. This was a five-part series that took place throughout the school year.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Mesa Student Exchange Update

Garth Errico, Director of Instruction provided an update regarding the Mesa Sister City Student Exchange. Two students from Mesa, Arizona will be with their host families in Burnaby from May 30 to June 20. While in Burnaby, the students will attend school, tour the city, visit city hall and learn about life and culture in Burnaby.

Two Burnaby students, one from Burnaby North and one from Burnaby Central, will leave for Mesa on June 27 and return to Burnaby on July 17, 2017. In Mesa, Burnaby students will tour the city, visit city hall and learn about the culture in Mesa as well as the culture of the other exchange students. This is the fourth year of this exchange program.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session on Monday, May 8, 2017

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair) and Larry Hayes, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, DPAC Representative Jocelyn Schonekess, Safe and Caring Schools Manager Sue Dorey, for item 2 and Director of Instruction Ron Hall, 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 and Recreation

Trustee Narang reported that the East Vancouver Newcomer Camp, a non-profit initiative operating summer camps for kids in Vancouver, presented plans to expand into Burnaby in the near future. More details will be brought forward when they are available.

Trustee Narang also reported that the Burnaby Festival of Learning takes place May 7 to May 13. The Burnaby School District is involved with approximately 220 high school students from 5 of our schools going to SFU on May 9 for a full day. Students will take part in lectures, performances, and presentations, giving them the opportunity to experience the life of a university student.

Other upcoming events in Burnaby include the 20th annual Eurofest at Swangard Stadium on May 27 and the 10th annual Giro Di Burnaby on July 13.

Public Safety

Trustee Hayes reported that the Public Safety Committee, now amalgamated with the City Traffic Safety Committee, met on April 11. The committee received a report of suspected vandalism at two of our school sites. This information has been forwarded to the school district Facilities Department for review.

The Community Policing Committee also reported that youth members from Burnaby Mountain have been working on spreading public safety messages to younger students. Their work is noted and appreciated.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Safe Schools Update

Sue Dorey, Manager of Safe and Caring Schools, reported that we have received new recommendations from the Provincial Medical Officer surrounding Naloxone Training. It is now recommended that school staff working with high risk groups receive training as well as Naloxone kits.

The Burnaby School District is working on guidelines to identify vulnerable students, identify staff to recommend for voluntary training, as well as criteria for supplying naloxone kits in schools. There is also a new online training tool that will be made available for staff which all administrators will be asked to take.

All staff and parent supervisors involved in outside of school events, for example dry grads, overnight trips or fundraisers, will be recommended to take the online training tool as a precautionary measure.

Details for the Community Fentanyl Forum have been finalized. It will take place May 29 at Burnaby Central from 5:30-7:30 pm, hosted by the Burnaby RCMP, Fraser Health and the Burnaby School District.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Fraser Health Active Communities Grand Application

Ron Hall, Director of Instruction reported that as a part of the Healthy Communities Partnership, the Burnaby School District, City of Burnaby, the Local Doctors Association and Fraser Health are participating in the Walk for Health Program in the spring of 2018. This is a community-wide walking challenge modeled after New Westminster's successful program this year. There will be activities and classroom integration for this event, and there will be an update to the YCSC in the fall of 2017.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.