

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Monday, May 9, 2016

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Baljinder Narang (chair), and Larry Hayes, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, DPAC Representative Kristin Schneider, and Coordinator Child Abuse Prevention, Suzanne Vardy for item 2.

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.

City's Social Planning

Trustee Narang shared information from the Literacy Now Burnaby presentation and discussion regarding importance of literacy, impact on literacy, success in community, and promoted their programs.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Second Step (SEL Violence Prevention Program)

Second Step is a research-based, universal, classroom-based social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum designed to increase kids' school success, promote social-emotional competence and self-regulation, and decrease problem behaviour. The middle school (grades 6, 7 and 8) program focuses on essential communication, coping, and decision-making skills that help adolescents navigate around common pitfalls such as peer pressure, substance abuse, and bullying (both in-person and online).

The Committee for Children that develops and produces *Second Step* has asked Dr. Shelley Hymel from the University of British Columbia to conduct an evaluation of their updated middle school program. As evaluation requires passive consent, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli will write a letter in support of Dr. Shelly Hymel and the Committee for Children's *Second Step*.

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

3. New Business/Updates

a) School Meal Program

The current School Meal Program vendor will end their contract June 30, 2016. The District is currently undergoing a Request for Proposal (RFP) with Vancouver School

Board and expect to see results in the next two weeks. An information letter will be sent out to parents after a review of the RFP.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee will be Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 5:30 pm.