

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, June 10, 2014

The Education Committee met on Monday, June 2nd at 4:30pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Ron Burton and James Wang, DPAC representative Jennifer Mezei and Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart.

1. Advanced Learning Program Updates

Director of Instruction, Wanda Mitchell presented an update on Elementary and Secondary Advanced Learning Programs and plans for moving forward. The Multi-Age Cluster Class program will begin at Capitol Hill Elementary in September 2014, with a grade 4/5 and a grade 6/7 class. The MACC program will be expanded to another site, in South Burnaby in September 2015. The Advanced Placement Capstone Program begins in September 2014 at both Burnaby North and South Secondary Schools. Both the MACC and AP Capstone Programs are at capacity.

A District Committee comprised of parents, teachers, administrators and district staff will design a Mini-School model for students moving from the MACC program to Alpha Secondary in September 2015. Additional spaces for students who meet program criteria will be available in the Mini-School model.

Beginning September 2016, the Mini-School and Twice-Exceptional Programs at Alpha Secondary will be extended to include Grade 9 students. Another Mini-School in south Burnaby will also be added in 2016.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. BYSN Partnership

Partnership with the School District, Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BYSN), and Be the Change Earth Alliance.

The school district is currently engaged in bringing a food scraps recycling program into all schools and district buildings. There are 2 pilot groups underway with 13 elementary schools, 3 secondary schools, and 4 district buildings participating in the program. In the secondary schools the physical size of the buildings, along with a less focussed educational component, has resulted in a greater variation in compliance rates. A planning process to increase and augment the educational component of the program in secondary schools is underway. This educational component will focus on the behavioral changes necessary to create higher rates of compliance in the sorting of the entire garbage stream.

A district partnership has been explored with the *Be the Change Earth Alliance* and the BYSN to create a behavioural change campaign run by BYSN students at each high

school. The *Be the Change Earth Alliance* will run 2 workshops with the BYSN students to support the implementation of the program. The first workshop will occur June 12th and the second will occur in the last week of August. BYSN students will deliver presentations to their schools during opening week assemblies and support the effective implementation of the district's new waste containers and compostable bags. They will also monitor compliance rates and respond with additional education, if needed. Data will be collected to look at waste production and diversion rates pre and post campaign. This data will be shared with the Education Committee in the Spring of 2015.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive and approve this information.

3. School Visit and Conversation Summary

Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart outlined the school plan visit and review process. The presentation highlighted the school planning cycle and the structures and interventions used to improve student learning. Schools were visited by either a district team, comprised of a trustee, district staff, a parent and/or an administrator from another school, or had a focused conversation with the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent or an Assistant Superintendent.

Using the *Response to Intervention* framework, schools examined student performance data, which is then used to identify the focus of the school plan. Feedback, including the recommendations and planning implications outlined at each visit, assists schools and the district in future planning.

School plan visits provide opportunities to share exemplary practices throughout the district. This process targets support and allocation of appropriate resources to each school, resulting in budgetary recommendations.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive and approve this information.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, October 6th, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35pm.