

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, June 12, 2012

The Education Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 4:15 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), James Wang, and Harman Pandher, Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Kevin Kaardal; BTA representative Richard Storch; and DPAC representatives Jennifer Mezei and Kum Heng Poon.

1. Aboriginal Education – update on programs 2012-13

Lyn Daniels, District Vice-principal, reviewed the various aspects of Aboriginal education including English Language Development, the Aboriginal Circle Program, the District Youth Leadership Team and Transitions.

Mary Hotomanie, Aboriginal Resource Teacher, presented the strategies and structures that will be put in place in the next school year that will allow the students to gain credit for British Columbia First Nations Studies 12, over a three-year period, after which students will write the provincial exam. Preliminary planning has begun, with representatives from Simon Fraser University and the British Columbia Institute of Technology to provide mentors to support Aboriginal secondary students.

Lorelei Lyons, Aboriginal Resource Teacher, presented the content of the Circle Program. The program is designed to meet the goals of the Enhancement Agreement, in particular providing students with a sense of pride in their cultural identity and a greater knowledge of their history. Strategies have been developed to ease the transition of grade seven students to secondary school, these include providing individual learner profiles, and a personalized orientation for each student in preparation for the transition.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Behaviour Analyst

Nadine Trottier, Certified Behavioural Analyst joined the Learning Support Services Team at the Burnaby School District in September. Ms. Trottier provided a presentation that explained the processes used in providing a plan of Positive Behaviour Support for students on the autism spectrum who require intensive behaviour support.

Information on professional development offerings for the District Learning Support Services Team and classroom teachers were highlighted. A collaborative project with District Learning Technologies resulted in electronic visual mapping, tracking and monitoring tools to support students and teachers in the classroom.

Strategies were presented that support and assist families with children on the autism spectrum, including collaboration with the home team and providing opportunities to liaise with external consultants.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. School Plans

Assistant Superintendent Kevin Kaardal outlined the school visit and school plan review process. The presentation highlighted the process used for the school planning cycle that focuses on improving student learning. School Plans follow a cycle that includes examining student performance data, which is then used to identify the focus of the plan (e.g. inferencing during reading for grade four boys). Next the school team act on the data by providing instructional interventions that support learning and finally, review the results of those interventions. This year, due to job action, the district's normal school visit/conversation process was replaced with senior staff conversations with Principals.

District staff review the specific progress of each school. Specific strengths and supports that are needed are outlined in order to assist the school and district in future planning. In addition, exemplary practices are noted which provides a framework to share and spread exemplary practices throughout the district. The process allows for targeted 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 1, 2012 at 4:15 pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

POLICY COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, June 12, 2012

The Policy Committee met on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 5:00 pm. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair) and Baljinder Narang, DPAC Representative Jennifer Mezei, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank and Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart (agenda item 1 only).

1. Policy 5.11 - Administration of Medication at School

Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart provided the committee with draft revisions to the regulations and procedures for Policy 5.11. The regulations and procedures have been updated to reflect current practice in the district. The committee discussed the draft revisions in detail, including amendments to the district's forms related to the administration of medication at schools. Staff will continue to review the draft based on input received from the committee and will bring a revised draft to the next meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Policy 5.20 – Reporting Suspected Cases of Child abuse

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank reviewed with the committee a revised draft of Policy 5.20 and the related regulations and procedures updated to reflect changes resulting from a legal review of the draft policy. The committee discussed the draft in detail and staff will bring a revised draft to the next meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. New Draft Policy – Appropriate Use Policy – District Technologies and Information Systems

Mr. Frank distributed a first draft of a new policy, regulations and procedures providing guidelines for the safe and appropriate use of district technologies. The committee discussed the draft policy in detail; staff will update the draft policy, regulations and procedures and bring a revised draft to the next meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is scheduled for Monday, June 18 at 5:00 p.m.

5. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Reporting to Public Session June 12, 2012

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 4:05 p.m. In attendance were Trustee committee members Baljinder Narang (Chair), Harman Pandher and Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

1.0 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.

1.1 From the City of Burnaby's Task Force on the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth

Trustee Narang reported on the Apex Summer Adventure 2012 program which operates out of the YouthHUB. The school district has several students attending this year.

1.2 From the District's Community School Advisory and Coordinating Committee

Trustee Narang reported on the meeting held on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at Lochdale Community School. The committee received a presentation from the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Division regarding the **Grade 5 b Active Program**. The purpose of the program is to encourage grade 5 students to participate in physical activity in their community. All grade 5 students receive free passes to participating facilities throughout the community.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2.0 McCreary Adolescent Health Survey

The committee received a request from the McCreary Centre Society for the school district to participate in a province-wide Adolescent Health Survey (AHS V) in early 2013. The district has participated in four previous surveys.

BC AHS V is a province-wide questionnaire for students in grades 7-12. It has been conducted approximately every five years since 1992 and has become the most comprehensive source for BC based information on youth health. The BC AHS V is administered by trained public health nurses who work with school principals to select classroom participation.

The school district will receive further information in September regarding sample survey questions and methods of securing consent for participation. Survey results in the past have been used by the district in program development and planning.

Recommendation: THAT the Board approve, in principle, the district's participation in the 2013 BC Adolescent Health Survey, pending review of survey questions and administration protocol information.

3.0 DCSACC Terms of Reference

The committee discussed possible adjustments to the Terms of Reference of the Burnaby District Community School Advisory and Coordinating Committee (DCSACC) as discussed at the recent DCSACC meeting. It was suggested that the Burnaby Board of Education review the Terms of Reference and possible adjustments. The Youth and Community Services Committee suggests the following adjustments to the committee's composition:

- One appointed Trustee of the Board of Education (*and one alternate*), School District 41 - Burnaby
- Two appointed members of the City: one Councillor from the City Council (*and one alternate*) and one Commissioner from the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission
- One appointed Burnaby community resident who has been involved in a community school program. This person shall be nominated by a committee consisting of the chairperson of the district committee, Director, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and Superintendent of Schools or designate, and appointed by the district committee. A person shall serve a maximum of *one, three-year term* through this kind of appointment.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information and approve the recommended adjustments to the Burnaby District Community School Advisory and Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference.

4.0 Byrne Creek Community School – Pilot Project

The committee discussed the success of the project to date. Although a set of effective program indicators for the pilot project has been established, it was determined that additional time for the project would be necessary to measure the effectiveness of the Community School Pilot Project. The school district will continue to gather data and seek to make a presentation to the City in the fall of 2012.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

5.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

6.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services committee will be on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.