

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, June 13, 2016

1. Float Your Boat

On May 18th, sixteen teams from Burnaby's elementary schools assembled to participate in the district's inaugural cardboard boat race challenge. The event, hosted at Burnaby North and co-sponsored with Skills Canada BC, challenged students to design, build and race a boat made of cardboard, tape and a few other supplies across a 25 metre pool.

Teams from Aubrey, Brentwood Park, Capitol Hill, Lochdale Community, Lyndhurst, Parkcrest, Stoney Creek Community and Taylor Park elementary schools had two and a half hours in the morning to draft a design and construct the boat in preparation for races at Kensington Outdoor Pool.

This evening, Paul Arthur, Program Consultant, Career & Transition Programs, will present a short film of the event produced by Cole Pearson, a student from the Industry Connect Film & Broadcasting Program and introduce students from Aubrey and Brentwood Park Elementary schools who will speak about their experience, the process and the challenges they faced in the "What Floats Your Boat?" challenge.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Student Public Service Announcement Videos

This past fall the City of Burnaby's Public Safety Committee, comprised of the members from the Burnaby Board of Education, City staff, RCMP and citizen representatives, was interested in communicating with high school students on the importance of pedestrian safety. Burnaby South Secondary School's Video and TV Production students, working with teacher Vania Alexieva, took on the task.

Grade 11 and 12 students created Public Service Announcement (PSA) videos on cellphone, pedestrian and cycling safety. Each PSA was an individual term project for students, who also worked in teams as they wrote, filmed and acted in the videos, and edited the final versions for presentation to the committee.

Burnaby RCMP will be using the videos on their social media sites to get the word out to students – that cell phone, pedestrian and traffic safety is everyone's responsibility.

This evening, Sandi Lauzon, Vice-Principal, Burnaby South Secondary School, Vania Alexieva, teacher at Burnaby South Secondary School, along with students Irvin Alcira, Aditya Wibisono, Christian Ordanzo, Paul Gatz, and Shenis Macabenta will present samples of the videos they produced.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. 2016-2017 Student Fees

In accordance with the School Act, the Board of Education is required to approve a schedule of student fees for the 2016-2017 school year. Current legislation requires that any material that is essential to the delivery of any school course that leads to graduation or school leaving must be offered free of charge with the following exceptions:

- Purchase of paper, writing tools, calculators (excluding graphing calculators) and other school supplies and equipment for a student's personal use
- School activity fees: agenda books, student activity dues, special events and graduation activities
- Purchase or rental of musical instruments for a student's personal use
- Purchase or rental of tools, materials or equipment for a student's personal use in trades training or apprenticeship programs
- Schools may also charge fees for extra-curricular or enrichment activities on a cost recovery basis. This includes, but is not limited to, enrichment field trips where the activity is not assessed as part of the student's required graduation program, inter-school athletics, intramural activities, dances, clubs, ski trips and travel abroad.
- Schools may charge for the cost of certification when the certification is not part of the requirements of the course
- Boards of Education may also offer specialty academies, and must also annually approve fees for specialty academies.

The attached fee schedule meets the requirements of the legislation.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education approve the attached 2016-2017 fee schedule.