

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Monday, September 12, 2016

1. Vancouver Summer Swap 2016 – Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network Initiative

The Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network, founded in 2010 is a student led organization that unites youth who share the same passion for environmental sustainability across the district.

On Saturday, August 6 students from the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network (BYSN) hosted Vancouver Summer Swap 2016, a clothing swap where thousands of articles of clothing, accessories, shoes and books are donated to be swapped. The event was created for the purpose of reducing textile waste in landfills and last year over 350 people attended the event leading to the diversion of 15,000 garments from landfills.

The clothing swap is a sustainable initiative that is beneficial in both a financial and environmental way. For only \$8 participants drop off unwanted articles in the morning and are free to take home an unlimited amount of goods. Any leftover items are then repaired and sent to Big Brothers of Canada.

This evening, Sonya Kung, Chair of the BYSN, and Ricky Yin from Alpha Secondary School, as well as Amy Lu from Burnaby South Secondary School and Sarah Buddhason from Moscrop Secondary School, will share their experiences as members of the Network, and talk about their involvement at the Summer Swap.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. The Learning Never Stops

Summer learning opportunities are an important component of the District's commitment to providing students with a wide variety of program options to meet their interests and individual learning needs.

This summer the district hosted 7,600 students who participated in a variety of courses planned and organized by the school district. Classes were held in 19 Burnaby School locations enrolling 3,407 students in secondary programs and 4,199 in elementary programs. The students participated in courses or programs that advanced their program of studies, developed skills for lifelong learning or provided extra support.

Secondary Advanced Credit courses enrolled 2,528 students in Grade 10 – 12. These courses provided students with the opportunity to acquire credit for courses not yet taken or to upgrade a mark. The grade 7/8 Transitions program, with an enrollment of 395 students, provided an introduction to secondary school.

Elementary students enjoyed a wide variety of learning opportunities ranging from reading, writing, study skills, essay and report writing, mathematics and problem solving, science, and leadership development.

Tonight, summer session Assistant Elementary Administrator, Janice Nakatsu, will introduce two unique programs offered in Burnaby School District's summer session. Teacher Olwen Cowan and students Matthew Wong and Abby and Hannah Madar will speak about the Imagination Quest program, and teacher David Ivaz will highlight the Rock Band program. These are just two examples of the varied learning experiences students can participate in at the elementary level.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.