

POLICY COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Monday, October 24, 2016

The Policy Committee met on October 17, 2016 at 5:10 pm. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Harman Pandher and Katrina Chen, Superintendent of Schools, Gina Niccoli-Moen, and Burnaby DPAC Representative, Jen Mezei

1. Access to Services

At the Policy Committee meeting of June 20, 2016, staff were asked to prepare a draft document for review outlining current practices and procedures for registering children of new families entering the country in Burnaby schools. Staff prepared a draft document, *Access to Services for Residents With Uncertain or No Immigration Status*, outlining district practice and procedures for registration and support for newcomers.

The committee reviewed the document in detail and suggested minor revisions to be brought forward at a future Policy Committee meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. District Anti-Bullying Policies

The Province of British Columbia announced new anti-bullying measures to ensure that all students, regardless of their sex, race, religion, culture, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, enjoy a safe, inclusive and welcoming learning environment.

In accordance with amendments to the B.C. Human Rights Code, Boards of Education are required to include explicit reference to sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in their anti-bullying policies. District policies are required to be updated by December 31, 2016. Staff will review current policies and will bring forward recommended changes as necessary.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Maintenance of Order

In May 2016, the provincial government released Provincial Guidelines on the Maintenance of Order under section 177 of the *School Act*. Section 177 of the *School Act* addresses the preservation of order on school premises, including ordering a person to leave and calling in police assistance if necessary.

The Ministry of Education requires all boards of education to review their procedures and policies to ensure that they include the elements set out in the aforementioned guidelines.

Staff will review resources provided and bring forward recommendations to the committee to ensure compliance with the provincial guidelines.

4. Heritage Committee of the B.C. Retired Teachers' Association

The committee reviewed correspondence from the Heritage Committee of the B.C. Retired Teachers' Association encouraging school districts to consider preserving the history of public education with policy development.

The committee discussed the preservation of significant heritage items and determined that, at the time, schools would continue to record, preserve and display items as appropriate.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Policy Committee meeting is November 21, 2016.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Monday, October 24, 2016

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Baljinder Narang (chair), and Larry Hayes, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, and DPAC Representative Jocelyn Schonekess.

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.

Parks & Recreation

Trustee Chen thanked the City of Burnaby Parks and Recreation for all of the activities and volunteer opportunities that were available for Burnaby students during the summer.

Public Safety

Trustee Hayes reported that the new Officer in Charge/Chief Superintendent of the RCMP Burnaby Detachment, Stephan Drolet, was appointed on June 21, 2016. Officer Drolet started his career in Burnaby in 1993 and now is Burnaby's 18th Officer in Charge.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Junior Bowls Program

Brian Ronaldson, Helen Shaughnessy, and James Tindle, from the South Burnaby Lawn Bowls Club (SBLBC), gave a presentation on *Junior Bowls*, a program geared for youth to promote and foster the sport of lawn bowls in a safe, healthy, and fun environment. The group is requesting approval to share SBJBC information with Burnaby secondary students and teachers. Their initial goal is to increase awareness and benefits of the sport and to enroll a minimum of 12 junior bowlers for the 2017 season. Long-term hopes are to develop provincial, national, and internationally competitive bowlers.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Crime Stoppers School Program

Simran Sidhu, School Program and Event Coordinator from Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers, presented "*See Something, Say Something*", an initiative geared toward grade 8 students on how to recognize potentially unsafe activity and to provide them with an outlet of how and where they may safely and anonymously report what they know. The campaign

consists of a 30-45 minute video presentation followed by a 20 minute real-life scenario exercise that can be presented to individual classes or a larger group.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. New Business/Updates

a) Eye See... Eye Learn Update

The Eye See... Eye Learn 2016-17 information letters were sent out to all elementary schools at the beginning of the school year so that parents could receive the paperwork in their school opening packages.

b) Fraser Health

Fraser Health Overdose Prevention and Response resources will be sent to all school Administrators, Safe School Specialists, and Counsellors.

c) Burnaby Neighbourhood House

The registration deadline for the Youth Leadership Training sessions offered by the Burnaby Neighbourhood has passed. Information on upcoming sessions will be provided as they become available.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee will be Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 5:30 pm.