

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, November 10, 2015

1. Green Champions

The Burnaby School District has had a long-standing relationship with BC Hydro to support the district's goal of reducing energy consumption. Part of the relationship includes the participation in Workplace Conservation Awareness initiatives to reduce energy footprints, involving a number of sites throughout the district. As part of this program, BC Hydro has asked partners to nominate three *Green Champions* from their respective workplaces.

BC Hydro honoured over 150 *Green Champions* from a variety of companies and institutions on October 28th at the BCIT building in Vancouver. All of these champions were employees of businesses which partner with BC Hydro in their Workplace Conservation Awareness Program. Three employees were nominated from Burnaby School District for their passion, commitment and creative ingenuity in supporting sustainable energy use.

This evening, Ron Hall, Director of Instruction will introduce the district's first *Green Champion* winners which are Bert Gunter, Custodian at Stride and Taylor Park, Marilyn Williams, Teacher Librarian from Burnaby Mountain and Josh Munro, District Energy Specialist. Each *Green Champion* winner will share their story on how they make a difference each and every day.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. District Student Advisory Council (DSAC)

The role of the District Student Advisory Council (DSAC) is to provide a formal process for Burnaby students to express their ideas and concerns regarding district programs and operations. They assist in decision-making and provide feedback in regard to school district programs, policies and practices. The council provides students with an opportunity to explore issues concerning youth in the community.

Each year the DSAC participates in a Leadership Retreat to discuss their goals and plans for the new school year. This October the retreat was held at the North Shore Outdoor School in Pemberton, B.C. The goal of the retreat was to instill and reinforce effective leadership skills and build strong team dynamics and relationships. This year, the event was attended by 34 students from all 8 secondary schools as well as the YouthHUB. Sessions on personality profiles, leadership styles, interpersonal communication, developing into an ideal leader and leading educational change were offered by Brandon Curr, District Vice-Principal, Peter van den Hoogen, District Intervention Coordinator, Lee Anne Kristmanson, Principal Burnaby South and Ron Hall, Director of Instruction.

The new DSAC council members for 2015-2016 are Serene Carter, President (Burnaby North); Dani Fookes, Co-Vice-President (Burnaby Central); Keely MacLeod-Leo, Co-Vice-President (Alpha); Reece Avila, Co-Secretary (Byrne Creek); Gresa Ibra, Co-Secretary (Burnaby South); Diana Charlie-Iraheta, Aboriginal Representative (Burnaby Central); Zakeera Hydich, Public Relations Representative (Burnaby Mountain); and Owen Yin, Public Relations Representative (Burnaby North).

This evening, Ron Hall, Director of Instruction will introduce members of the Burnaby DSAC who will highlight their experiences at the 2015-2016 Leadership Retreat.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.