

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session on Monday, November 14, 2016**

The Education Committee met on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Meiling Chia and Katrina Chen, DPAC Representative Kristen Schnider and Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell.

**1. Redesigned Curriculum- Staff Development Joint Professional Learning Projects**

Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction spoke to the committee about the how the Staff Development Team is working together to co-create and implement initiatives focussed on the Redesigned Curriculum K-9.

Ann Thorup, Consultant, English Language Learning presented a project on Creating Pathways for All Learners that involves elementary and secondary ELL and classroom teachers. Project members co-teach and collaborate on how to best meet the needs of English Language Learners in an inclusive environment.

Karla Gamble, Aboriginal Resource Teacher presented a joint project with Ron Coleborn, Math and Science Consultant that looks at integrating The First Peoples' Principles of Learning with Science at the secondary level. Teachers on the inquiry team are researching and identifying local plant species near their schools with help of a Coast Salish plant expert. The goal is to develop a booklet that science teachers can use as a resource. The intended outcome of the project is to view plants through an Aboriginal perspective. Other projects look at art- based inquiry into First Peoples' use of metal which ties into grade 12 Chemistry.

Suzanne Vardy, Coordinator in Child Abuse Prevention is working with teachers Meagan Innes and Janice Matharu, Lori Magri, Principal at Clinton Elementary School and Caitlin Grisack, Burnaby RCMP Youth Services Restorative Justice Coordinator in hosting 4 sessions around restorative practices that incorporates an Indigenous perspective. Twenty-five classroom teachers at both elementary and secondary are learning how to run a circle using the Medicine Wheel to guide a balance in spiritual, emotional, mental and physical health. They are also learning how issue a good apology and how to welcome people back in the community using restorative practices.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. Reboot Program Partnership with Douglas College**

Brandon Curr, District Principal Aboriginal Education introduced teacher David LeBlanc teacher from the School to Work Program who presented Reboot as a program option for students. The district is currently working on this pilot program with Douglas College for

students 17-19 years of age who have not graduated, are not returning to high school or have lost interest in going to a regular secondary school.

Teachers David LeBlanc and Cynthia Gingras work to recruit these students and try to reengage them in a path to graduation. The three important components in this program include developing essential skills such as literacy and numeracy skills, hope-centred career development and exposure to a post-secondary educational environment. They assist students to develop clear career goals and understanding of what courses they need to reach their goals. In this program students can receive Planning 12 credits towards graduation while, at the same time, acquiring college credits. Suddenly students who view themselves as unable to succeed in a post-secondary environment experience success.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive and approve the new Reboot program option for Burnaby students.

### **3. Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

**YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session Monday, November 14, 2016**

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Baljinder Narang (chair), and Katrina Chen, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, DPAC Representative Jocelyn Schonekess, and Director of Instruction, Peter Dubinsky and Coordinator Community Services, Sheri Brattston for item 2.

**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.

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

Trustee Narang reported that there will be a meeting between all organizations involved with Youth Safe House to discuss how to move the agenda forward.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. Community Schools Update**

Peter Dubinsky, Director of Instruction introduced Sheri Brattston, Coordinator Community Services, to the warm welcome of the committee. In addition to Sheri Brattston's first year as Coordinator Community Services, there are a number of staffing changes at the community school level for 2016-17. John Nanson at Edmonds, Mischa Greenwood at Gilmore (previously at Edmonds), Shahzyah Juma at Lochdale/Windsor, Julie Tadd at Maywood, Gayle Beavil at Second Street/Armstrong (previously at Maywood), Yvonne Jongejan-Ahmad at Stoney Creek, Maria Jacome at Stride Avenue and Balraj Dhillon continues at Byrne Creek. Community Schools continue to move forward with last year's review recommendations with youth leadership, Family of Schools model, and commitment to education via the updated *Community Schools Video*. The video's target audience is community school staff and parents, community partners, and will be uploaded to the district website for anyone to access.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**3. New Business/Updates**

**a) Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver Update**

Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver's *Game On!* is a group mentoring program for students where life-long healthy lifestyle practices are encouraged through non-traditional physical

activities, healthy eating, and emotional health discussions. The end-of-year report shows that for the 2015-16 school year 64 Burnaby students participated in the In-School Mentoring and Teen Mentoring programs.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

#### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

#### **5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee will be Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 5:30 pm.