

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session on Monday, December 11, 2017**

The Education Committee met on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair) and Baljinder Narang, DPAC Representative Kristin Schnider and Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart.

**1. STEAM Program at Byrne Creek Secondary School**

Garth Errico, Director of Instruction and David Starr, Principal of Byrne Creek Community School presented a proposal for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) program for grade 8 students beginning in Fall 2018. The program will combine grades 8 and 9 Math, Science and Careers, Art and Applied Design Skills Technology (ADST) 8. Careers and ADST will act as the multidisciplinary connector between courses. Specific skills learned in this year long program at Byrne Creek Community School include, but are not limited to: Robotics, Coding, Digital Design, Media Arts, Electronics, Metal and Woodwork and Entrepreneurship.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. Board /Authority Authorized Courses**

Garth Errico, Director of Instruction presented rationale for three Board /Authority Authorized Courses; First Nations Leadership 12, French Leadership 11 and Improvisation 12. First Nations Leadership 12 will foster leadership skills and attitudes among youth, specifically First Nations Youth. Students will become positive contributors to the Indigenous community as they work through a variety of activities. French Leadership 11 will provide meaningful opportunities for students to engage in experiential learning situations. As peer tutors, these students will encourage and develop skills in younger students focused on French language and culture. Improvisation 12 will elaborate on the basic improvisation skills of listening, clarity, confidence and cooperation, skills that can be used in everyday life. This course will help students in the development of their core competencies in Communication, Thinking and Personal and Social Responsibility.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive and approve Board /Authority Authorized Courses; First Nations Leadership 12, French Leadership 11 and Improvisation 12, for implementation in September 2018.

**3. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

**4. Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

**YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session Monday, December 11, 2017**

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Baljinder Narang (chair) and Larry Hayes, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, DPAC Representative Jocelyn Schonekess, Director of Finance Ishver Khunguray for item 2, Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart, Managing Director of Safe and Caring Schools Sue Dorey, and Cultural Transitions Coordinator Natalya Khan for item 3.

**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 Narang reported that the City of Burnaby is not encouraging ice skating on Deer Lake, Burnaby Lake, the ponds at Central Park and Burnaby Mountain Golf Course, or tobogganing on Burnaby Mountain.

**Public Safety**

Trustee Hayes reported that at the November 9, 2017 meeting of the Public Safety Committee Diane Gillis, President of the Kingsway Imperial Neighbourhood Association, made a presentation regarding traffic issues in and around the Imperial/Gilley intersection. A report on the recent vandalism at some Burnaby Schools was provided and information was shared about the RCMP safety presentations to international students.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. School Meal Program Update**

Director of Finance Ishver Khunguray updated the committee with the last three years of School Meal Program statistics. The 2017-18 budget indicates that an increase to the monthly cost of participation for families will not be required this year. A thorough year-end cost analysis will determine any increases, if any, to the program moving forward.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

### **3. Burnaby Velodrome Club**

George McLaughlin, President of the Burnaby Velodrome Club, gave a brief presentation to the committee about the Burnaby Velodrome and the *Cycling BC iRide* Program. The program offers safe and fun participation in cycling and provides fieldtrip opportunities free of charge to Burnaby students.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

### **4. Trauma – Community Supports**

Heather Hart, Assistant Superintendent, Sue Dorey, Managing Director Safe and Caring Schools, and Natalya Khan, Cultural Transitions Coordinator, all members of the Mental Health Support Team, provided the committee with a review of the many district resources and services available to support newcomer students and families. The team detailed the supports and connections for students and families through Burnaby School District programs offered by Settlement Workers and the Safe and Caring Schools team, as well as the many connections to community partners and supports.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

### **5. New Business/Updates**

#### **a) 2018 Youth Homeless Count in Metro Vancouver**

Metro Vancouver Services and Solutions for a Livable Region is conducting a Youth Homeless Count in April of 2018. The survey is to be administered through the district's youth workers, with training for the workers available in February 2018. The survey will be referred to the district's research application process and if approved will be administered in the New Year.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

### **7. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Youth and Community Services Committee is February 6, 2018.