

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, May 28, 2013

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 5:07 pm. In attendance were: Trustees James Wang (Chair), Meiling Chia and Larry Hayes; DPAC Representative Janet Reid; Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank and Director of Facilities Services Russ Sales.

1. Capital Projects Update

The committee reviewed the Capital Projects Update report. The report included details on the capital projects currently in various stages of construction and planning within the district. Highlights include:

Burnaby Central Secondary School – Replacement Project

- Construction value \$50 million – school construction project complete
- City of Burnaby partnership in track, field and related facilities
- City contractor working on rubberized track surface to be completed in summer 2013

Gilmore Community Elementary School – Seismic Upgrade

- Construction value \$13 million
- District review of project scope and Ministry of Education funding complete
- Target project substantial completion date – summer 2013

Alpha Secondary Seismic Upgrade

- Ministry funding and project approval pending
- Seismic Project Identification Draft Report submitted to Ministry
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- District is requesting partial school replacement as part of seismic project

Montecito Elementary School – Seismic Upgrade

- Ministry funding and project approval pending detailed assessment and confirmation of scope of project
- Ministry start-up planning meeting held May 2
- Seismic Project Identification and Project Development Reports under development

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Adult Crossing Guard Program: Update

Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank updated the committee on the May 9th meeting held with the City of Burnaby's Acting Director of Engineering Barry Davis and Assistant Director of Engineering Doug Louie. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for June 10.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. School Garden Projects

Director of Facilities Services Russ Sales updated the committee on a number of school garden projects, including:

- The use of watering troughs as raised planters at Brentwood Park Elementary School and Edmonds Community School
- A mural project and an additional garden project at Maywood Community School

A number of schools have initiated projects without prior district approval. Staff will send a reminder to all schools of the district's process for approving these types of school projects.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

4. Food Scrap Recycling Committee

Mr. Sales updated the committee on the expansion of the food scrap pilot program. The program will be expanded to include the Administration Office and the Schou Education Centre. The district is organizing a district food scrap and recycling committee that will include participation by the Burnaby Youth Sustainability Network and district partner groups to provide advice and support to schools participating in the program. It is anticipated all schools and sites will be participating in the program prior to the 2015 deadline set by the City to reduce regional waste by 70 per cent.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

5. Next Meeting

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 18.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, May 28, 2013

The Education Committee met on Monday, May 6th, 2013 at 4:15 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), James Wang, and Harman Pandher, DPAC representative Jennifer Mezei, and Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart.

1. Distributed Learning – Blended Model and Course Development

Vice-Principal, Cariboo Hill Secondary and Burnaby Online, John Tyler, updated the committee on Distributed Learning. Courses in Distributed Learning were first offered online in 1999. At that time, there was a single course offering with one teacher delivering the content. In 2003, Burnaby Online was launched primarily catering to elementary-aged learners. Today there are approximately 1500 learners taking courses annually. Students range in age from K – 12, and include both Graduated and Non-Graduated Adults.

Burnaby Online is looking at expanding current course offerings. Anticipated growth will be achieved through blended learning opportunities. Students will take online courses supported by a school-based teacher in their home school. This will create greater flexibility and choice for Burnaby students, especially in elective areas and languages.

Kevin Brandt, Director of Instruction, informed the committee of a partnership that has been developed with SFU, exclusive to Burnaby Online. In September 2014 students will begin to have access to existing SFU Online courses that are being adapted to a Senior Secondary level. Students will initially take these courses as *Independent Directed Studies* (IDS) courses with the intent of creating Board/Authority authorized courses for future use. This partnership is also leading to collaboration on the development of an Aboriginal Culture and Language collection of courses.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information and approve the partnership with SFU, as outlined above.

2. School-Wide Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports

Deborah Simak, Director of Instruction, presented a model for School Wide Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS), a systems approach for establishing the culture and environment needed for schools to achieve both social and academic success for all students. Specifically, PBIS focuses on the prevention of problem behavior by explicitly teaching expected behavior to all students across all school environments.

During the first year of implementation, nine elementary schools were supported by a District Leadership Team. Mark Harding, Principal, Second Street Community School, demonstrated how teachers and students identified their school-wide expectations for positive behavior, constructed a matrix for expected behaviors and created lesson plans for teaching these behaviors. Staff also created several short videos that demonstrate expected behaviors across all environments. Mr. Harding reports that early results indicate a reduction in the number of office discipline referrals.

SWPBIS, guided by data decision-making, can improve academic achievement and contribute to a positive school culture.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, June 3, 2013 at 4:15 pm.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Reporting to Public Session May 28, 2013

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. In attendance were Trustee committee members Harman Pandher, Meiling Chia, Gina Niccoli-Moen, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, and Director of Instruction, Peter Dubinsky and Coordinator of Community Services, Doreen George for item 2.

1.0 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.

1.1 Task Force on the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth

Trustee Narang reported on the success of the Relay 2 Raise Awareness of Youth Sexual Exploitation at the Youth Week Block Party which took place on Saturday, May 4 at Confederation Park. Approximately 75 youth took part in the relay event.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2.0 Middle Years Development Instrument

The committee received a presentation regarding the results of the Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI), a survey completed by grade 4 students in November 2012. The MDI asks children to report on five dimensions that are critical components of development and strongly linked to well-being, health, academic achievement and success throughout school years and beyond. The five components are social and emotional development; physical health and well-being; connectedness to adults and peers; school experiences and use of after-school time.

Director of Instruction, Peter Dubinsky and Coordinator of Community Services, Doreen George, shared survey questions, school, district and neighbourhood results and questions for further consideration.

A community launch of the MDI also took place on Tuesday, May 7. Community members and school district staff gathered to review results and share ideas on how to best meet children's learning and engagement needs. Principal Investigator, Kimberly Schonert-Reichl of the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) shared the Burnaby survey results and led the dialogue on how results can impact our work.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3.0 School Meal Program

Burnaby's School Meal Program operates in 13 elementary schools and provides a hot lunch to students on a daily basis. The goal of the program is to assist students who come to school hungry to achieve academic success. The program is guided by the principles of universality, confidentiality, environmental sustainability and efficient use of funds.

The School Meal Program is currently funded from three sources: school district through allocation from the provincial CommunityLINK program funding envelope, parent contribution and a small number of community contributions. Community contributions consist of donations from individual, service organizations, businesses and specific grants available from provincial and national organizations and foundations.

Parents of students who are participating in the program are requested to contribute an amount that will cover the monthly costs of providing the program.

The amount currently requested from parents each month no longer covers the costs of providing the meal. In order to cover the cost of providing the School Meal Program each day, the district would have to increase the amount requested from parents from \$55 to \$58 per month.

Recommendation: THAT the Board approve the cost of participating in the district school meal program be increased from \$55 to \$58 per month.

4.0 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

5.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee is Tuesday, June 4, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.