

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Education Committee met on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Peter Cech and Jen Mezei, DPAC Representative Evangeline Jonasson, BTA Representative Kevin Potvin and Assistant Superintendent Wanda Mitchell.

1. Partnership between Marseilles & the Burnaby School District - Memorandum of Understanding

Jeannette Laursoo, Director of Instruction and Anne-Marie Bilton, French Liaison provided the committee with information regarding an international partnership opportunity.

In 2016, the B.C. Ministry of Education signed an agreement with France's Ministry of National Education, Higher Education, and Research to enter into a new international partnership in education. The agreement was created after both governments shared their common interest in enhancing their existing relationship, and cooperating more closely in the areas of primary, intermediate and secondary education. This partnership represents an opportunity for school districts in B.C. and in France to work together to offer students and staff a variety of rich, meaningful experiences that promote language learning and foster new inter-cultural collaborations.

Burnaby expressed an interest in exploring possibilities through such a partnership and was matched with Académie Aix-Marseilles. The primary objective of the partnership would be to facilitate authentic student-to-student interactions through a variety of traditional or technology-mediated means, in support of the redesigned French Immersion Language Arts Curriculum. Similarly, the partnership would aim to foster international teacher and administrator collaboration, also through a variety of means, for the purposes of exchanging information, resources, approaches, ideas and experiences as it relates to effective Second Language pedagogy. A Memorandum of Understanding would be the next step in facilitating collaboration between Burnaby schools and schools in Académie Aix-Marseilles to promote language learning and intercultural skill development. It would also create conditions for additional authentic and engaging learning experiences for students.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Identification and Supports for Primary Students (Kindergarten - Grade 3)

Heather Hart, Assistant Superintendent introduced Tanis Anderson, Literacy Consultant K-12, Elizabeth Gardner, District Principal, Learning Support Services and Jennifer Carson, Advanced Learning Helping Teacher. She provided an overview of the

presentation that focussed on supports for learners in kindergarten to grade 3 in the area of literacy using a Response To Intervention Model.

Tanis Anderson provided the committee with information around initial classroom based assessments using a common-grade level piece of text and described how a benchmark assessment tool may be used to provide additional information on a student's reading level and comprehension skills. She explained how teachers monitor students' early literacy skills and are evaluating both word attack and reading comprehension. The Ministry of Education Performance Standards are used to assist teachers assessing students on grade level reading and writing.

Elizabeth Gardner provided information on the role of the school-based team and various assessments used by the classroom teacher and learning support teacher in developing more specific plans for students. District Learning Support Teachers, Speech Language Pathologists and/or School Psychologists work collaboratively with school-based teachers to support and make recommendations to inform the student plan. Teams monitor student progress and review and adjust plans as well as recommend additional testing, if required.

Jennifer Carson outlined processes used to identify advanced learners. Once pre-screening is completed by the school-based team, information is sent to the advanced learning team to assess cognitive reasoning. The school-based team then reviews information gathered and discusses next steps, one of which could be to designate the student as gifted. Regardless of designation, advanced learners are supported in classrooms across Burnaby with differentiated instruction to bring depth and complexity to learning.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 4:30 pm.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 5:47pm. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes, Jen Mezei and Ryan Stewart; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart, and Richard Per, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray and Manager, Finance and Budgets Matthew Mydske.

1. 2018/19 Amended Operating Budget Update and 2019/20 Budget Planning

Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray provided the committee with an overview of the district's draft 2018/2019 amended operating budget. The district is updating its annual budget to reflect revised projections for enrolment, operating revenues, expenses and proposed budget changes for the current year. Budget estimates will be further refined and an updated amended budget will be brought to the next meeting. The 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget will be presented to the February 26, 2019 public board meeting for approval. The timelines for the 2019/20 budget were also presented.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Finance Committee met on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 5:32 pm. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Bill Brassington, Peter Cech, Christine Cunningham, Larry Hayes and Jen Mezei; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Assistant Superintendents, Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart, Wanda Mitchell and Richard Per, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Ishver Khunguray and Manager, Finance and Budgets Matt Mydske.

1. 2018/2019 Amended Operating Budget

Mr. Russell Horswill, Secretary Treasurer, and Mr. Ishver Khunguray, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, provided the committee with an update of the 2018/2019 Amended Operating Budget.

The 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget will be presented to the February 26, 2019 public board meeting for approval.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Draft 2019/2020 Status Quo Operating Budget

Mr. Horswill and Mr. Khunguray reviewed with the committee the draft 2019/2020 Status Quo Budget, including the process and timelines. Key dates include:

- February 20 – Provincial government budget announcement
- February 26 - Board approval of the 2018/2019 Amended Annual Budget
- March 15 – anticipated Ministry announcement of the 2019/2020 preliminary operating grant funding
- April 23 – Board approval of the 2019/2020 Annual Budget
- April 30 – Budget Bylaw submitted to the Ministry of Education

The budget process will include use of the district's website to provide information on the district's budget process, budget details and related information and to seek input from the public on budget priorities and related issues. Partner group participation will play a key role in the budget development process. The Board will hold a public budget meeting in April and full details for this meeting will be made available in the near future.

The 2019/2020 status quo operating budget includes projected student enrolment, budget assumptions and projected cost factors. Staff will continue to review all budget issues and

assumptions and an updated draft 2019/2020 status quo operating budget will be presented at the next Finance Committee.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Budget Calendar

The budget meetings scheduled through the budget process in March and April were confirmed.

4. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.

POLICY COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Policy Committee met on February 25, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were Trustees Jen Mezei (Chair), Peter Cech, Superintendent of Schools, Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer, Russell Horswill and Dave Dye, Burnaby DPAC. Regrets: Trustee Ryan Stewart.

1. Policy No. 5.10.00 Violence and Intimidation

Ms. Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent, presented and reviewed a draft revision to Policy No.5.10.00 Violence and Intimidation. The committee discussed the proposed changes and provided further input for consideration. Staff will consider the input and a revised version will be brought back to the next Policy Committee meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Policy No. 5.05.00 Admission and Placement of Students into the Burnaby School District

Ms. Niccoli-Moen presented Policy No. 5.05.00 – Admission and Placement of Students into the Burnaby School District and Regulation No. 5.05.01 to the Committee. An update on current procedures pertaining to the collection of student immunization records and potential referrals to the Fraser Health Authority was provided. The Committee was advised that staff continue to monitor any issues associated with the recent measles reports in Metro Vancouver.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Trustee Gary Wong joined the meeting at 4:40.

3. Policy Manual Review

Mr. Russell Horswill, Secretary Treasurer, presented information to the Committee on various school district's structures of their respective policy manuals. The Committee discussed the nature of Board Policy, Regulations and how Administrative Procedures could be utilized. Staff will review the current policy manual and report back to the Committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Policy Committee is April 15, 2019

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, February 26, 2019

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Bill Brassington (chair), Christine Cunningham, and Larry Hayes, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, DPAC representative Stace Dayment, and Managing Director Safe and Caring Schools, Sue Dorey 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.

District Community Schools

Trustee Brassington reported that the committee is continuing to refine goals for schools and the surrounding communities.

Parks & Recreation

Trustee Brassington reported that the Cariboo Hill Lacrosse Box upgrade has been approved.

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

Trustee Mezei reported that the task force is undertaking a five-year strategic plan with priorities on Education and Awareness, Youth Engagement, and Service Provider Capacity Building. March 4 to 10, 2019 is *Stop the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth Awareness Week*. Activities include a fuchsia ribbon campaign and community-based events held throughout the province.

Healthy Communities Partnership (HCP)

Trustee Stewart reported that the HCP is planning for a Burnaby Walking Challenge to take place in April and May with a Burnaby Walking Culture forum to follow. Additionally, the Vision Zero Community Grant, a new funding initiative from the Fraser Health Authority, is available to help support schools and organizations interested in implementing road safety initiatives.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Health Promotion and Substance Use Prevention

Managing Director of Safe and Caring Schools Sue Dorey presented the committee with background information on Substance Use Prevention in schools. Historically, substance

use prevention focused on the negative effects of substance use, scare tactics and moral judgement – the “say no to drugs” era. Research suggests this does little to reduce use or increase positive health outcomes.

The current approach is focus on skill development that helps children and youth navigate social situations and develop strong positive adult relationships, and on teaching rights and responsibilities in classrooms that foster a sense of control, belonging, and purpose.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 is Pink Shirt Day. The focus this year is cyberbullying and encouraging people to THINK before they post... is your post True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind? Schools throughout the district will be participating in a variety of assemblies, presentations, and community events.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Free Vending Tampon/Pad Dispensers for School Washrooms - Update

As part of the process of investigating the costs and implications of installing coin-free tampon and pad dispensers in school washrooms, district staff have also engaged students for feedback through the District Student Advisory Council.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Youth and Community Services Committee is March 4, 2019.