

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019

The Education Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 4:00 pm. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Peter Cech and Jen Mezei, Assistant Superintendent Wanda Mitchell and DPAC Representative Maria Gunner.

1. Early Years Plan

Jeannette Laursoo, Director of Instruction, Sheri Brattston, Coordinator of Community Services and Early Learning, and Angela Meredith, Early Learning Helping Teacher provided the committee with an overview of the District Early Years Plan.

During the 2018-19 school year, over 30 educators, including Elementary Principals, StrongStart Educators, Primary Teachers and district staff worked collaboratively with consultant John Talbot on the development of a District Early Years Plan.

The plan is based on research highlighting that rich early learning experiences in homes, schools and communities set the very foundation of children's health and well-being, sense of community and social life, secure sense of self, healthy spirit of adventure, respectful relationships and character as a learner.

The Early Years Plan is a five year plan which includes context, guiding principles, vision, mission and 2 strategic areas which are supported by goals, objectives and actions. Moving forward, the team will be working with Elementary Principals and Vice-Principals to get their feedback and input around actions and implementation. The implementation of the Early Years Plan is an objective in the Burnaby Board of Education's Strategic Plan.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. French Immersion Programs

Brandon Curr, Director of Instruction and Anne-Marie Bilton, French Language Liaison provided an update on the District French Immersion Programs and current enrolment trends within the District.

The District currently has 8 Early French Immersion Programs, 2 Late Immersion Programs and 3 Secondary Programs. The Early French Immersion Program begins in Kindergarten and continues through grade 12. Student entry is recommended at Kindergarten, but there is an opportunity for students to enrol at the beginning of grade 1. Late French Immersion begins in grade 6 and students continue in the program joining their early immersion peers from grade 8 through grade 12.

Registration procedures and placement priorities for our language programs were highlighted for the committee. Enrolment history demonstrates that the program has more than doubled in size since 2000/2001 and the ten year projected enrolment shows that we continue to maintain current enrolment numbers. In order to accommodate the high demand for our Immersion Programs, the District is maximizing space within schools to sustain the current level of access.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, October 15, 2019

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Bill Brassington (Chair), Christine Cunningham, and Larry Hayes, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, DPAC representative Ashley Sandquist, 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.

Parks & Recreation

Trustee Brassington reported that at the September meeting the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission directed city staff to amend the smoking ban bylaw in parks, Parks and Recreation facilities, and amenities located on school grounds to include a ban on vaping.

Public Safety

Trustee Hayes reported on the Burnaby RCMP's Summer Soccer Camp that hosted local youth this past summer with camps at Bonsor and Edmonds Park. In addition to soccer skills training, kids also learned about the work being done in the community by the police through our partners from the Lower Mainland Integrated Emergency Response Team, Police Dog Services, and Burnaby Bike Section. Burnaby Fire Department were also on hand to give tours of their trucks and teach local kids about what it's like to work as a fire fighter.

At the July meeting Dave Critchley, Director of Public Safety and Community Services, discussed emergency preparedness and the possibility that school communities could assist with educating families to prepare for a possible emergency. More discussion to come on this potential initiative.

Traffic Safety

Trustee Cunningham reported that at the September meeting Burnaby Board of Education Vice-Chair Jen Mezei and Trustee Bill Brassington gave a presentation in support of the Burnaby Board of Education's proposal for speed humps to be installed in all school zones and to have the 30kph speed zone time extended. The matter was referred to city staff for their consideration.

Healthy Communities Partnership

Trustee Stewart reported that upcoming activities being coordinated by the Healthy Communities Partnership include a social connectedness summit in the Spring of 2020 and the Walking Challenge 2020.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Burnaby Children's Charter

Coordinator Community Services Sheri Brattston reported to the committee about the *Burnaby Children's Charter*.

The Burnaby Children's Community Table (BCCT), in partnership with Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education, has been working on developing a *Burnaby Children's Charter* since the Spring of 2018. The BCCT is a group of community service providers that serve Burnaby children and families with representatives from the City of Burnaby, Fraser Health, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Burnaby Public Library, Ministry for Children and Family Development, Burnaby School District, United Way Lower Mainland, not-for-profit organizations, and community-based organizations, who have worked collaboratively to contribute to and support the charter process.

On November 4, 2019 the BCCT will be presenting the *Burnaby Children's Charter* to City Council for endorsement. Next steps will include the BCCT reaching out to stakeholders, community partners, and service providers for Charter endorsement.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

4. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Youth and Community Services Committee is November 5, 2019.