

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, December 10, 2019

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Bill Brassington (Chair), Christine Cunningham, and Larry Hayes, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, and DPAC representative Ashley Sandquist.

1. School Meal Program Update

Ishver Khunguray, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer updated the committee on the School Meals Program (SMP). The SMP has come in within budget for this year. The program cost to families was last increased in September 2016 and since then the total number of participants has been consistent. The program will undergo a review in the spring to determine if any cost changes are required.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. 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.

Public Safety

Trustee Hayes reported from the October and November meetings that the four Community Policing Offices are in the process of recruiting volunteers. This volunteer experience would be especially valuable for students who would like to explore a future career in public safety or other social services. Students are encouraged to visit their local Community Policing Office, visit the RCMP website at www.burnaby.rcmp.ca, or contact the main RCMP office at 604-646-9999.

Over the past number of months, members of the RCMP Youth Investigative Team (YIT) have been involved in giving presentations at local schools about the safe use of social media. More than two hundred Grade 8 students attended these presentations held in schools across Burnaby. This initiative is being coordinated with the district's Safe and Caring Schools team.

Healthy Communities Partnership

The *Walk 2020 Challenge*, a springtime walking event to inspire people to walk more to increase wellness, will take place between the cities of New Westminster and Burnaby as per last year. A dedicated coordinator will help with communications around the challenge, which will take place later in March.

District School Advisory Council

Trustee Mezei reported that the group is looking for an alternative event to the *Burnaby's Got Talent* competition, an annual night of entertainment that showcases Burnaby students and raises funds for community organizations.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

4. Next Meeting

The next Youth and Community Services Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 5:30 pm.