

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, February 10, 2015

The Education Committee met on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Baljinder Narang and Meiling Chia, BTA President Rae Figursky, DPAC representative Jennifer Mezei and Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart.

1. Taekwondo Program

Master Tony Kook, Secretary General of the Taekwondo Federation of BC, presented the committee with an outline of the benefits of Taekwondo in helping children lead healthy and productive lives. The benefits of practicing Taekwondo include building both physical and mental skills.

Physical Training leads to improved flexibility, muscle strength and cardio conditioning while mental benefits show increased mind-body awareness and better focus for classroom learning at school. Classes also incorporate practical self defense, non-violent ways of resolving conflict and stranger safety.

Master Kook and a group of students provided a demonstration for the committee.

Master Tony Kook, is proposing that a Taekwondo program or series of lessons be offered at the elementary level in Burnaby schools.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Robotics and Automation Industry Training Program

Donna Scott, District Principal Learning Transition Services, and Russell Evanisky, Teacher at Alpha Secondary School, presented rationale for an Industry Training Program, *Robotics and Automation*. Grade 11 and 12 students will develop practical applications of robotics through project based learning, focusing on teamwork and collaboration, while studying electronics, mechanics and computer programming to design reliable robotic/automated systems and devices.

This program is being developed with advisement from the British Columbia Institute of Technology School of Energy. Students will receive credit for 3 courses and will participate in a Work Experience practicum for a total of 16 credits.

This will be a full year District program. Upon completion of the program students will be better prepared for post-secondary studies, in particular for new Mechatronics programs at University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University and British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Recommendation: THAT the Board approve, in principle, the *Robotics and Automation Industry Training Program* and forward the program to the Finance Committee for consideration.

3. Health Sciences Industry Training Program

Donna Scott, District Principal Learning Transition Services, presented rationale for an Industry Training Program, *Health Sciences*. Grade 11 and 12 students interested in pursuing a career in Health Care will study, in depth, Biology of the human body with a focus on problem solving specific health issues and diseases. Students will also become familiar with the wide range of career options available in Healthcare.

This program is developed in collaboration with the British Columbia Institute of Technology School of Health Sciences. Courses will be delivered through case studies of specific diseases such as diabetes and lung cancer. A portion of the course will include the use of BCIT labs and facilities. Students will receive credit for Biology 12, two other courses focused on an extension of the learning outcomes in Biology 12, and will participate in a Work Experience practicum for a total of 16 credits. This will be a full year District program.

Recommendation: THAT the Board approve, in principle, the *Health Sciences Industry Training Program* and forward the program to the Finance Committee for consideration.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, March 2nd, 2015 at 4:30 pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

ADHOC INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday February 10, 2015

The International Education Adhoc Committee met on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 4:45 pm. In attendance were Trustees Meiling Chia (Chair), Harman Pandher, Larry Hayes (for items 2, 3, 4), Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart and Managing Director, International Education, Angela Ferraro.

1. International Student Program Admissions

Assistant Superintendent, Heather Hart provided an overview of the district's International Student admissions. As a part of the process, applicants go through rigorous screening and are required to supply school transcripts in academic studies from the last two years of study in their home country. Applications are carefully reviewed and may require additional information or may be further scrutinized if a student's education has been interrupted, or if the student has had other difficulties. In some cases, admission is accepted on a conditional basis only and the student will be monitored to see if the criteria has been met. Some applications are declined, when it is noted that it is not in either the district's or the student's best interests to study abroad.

All secondary schools and a number of elementary schools have International students who enrich our district. Applicants prioritize their requests for their first, second and third choice of schools. School space is dependent upon a number of factors including local student enrollment. The goal in international student placement is to maintain diversity within schools. This is an important factor that overseas parents consider when they send their child to study abroad.

The International Education Department works with agents, and students and parents from over thirty countries to provide placements in schools where learning will be optimized. It is important to the Burnaby School District that visiting students feel welcomed in our schools, succeed in their studies and have a memorable International Student experience.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Delegation Process

Assistant Superintendent, Heather Hart provided a draft delegation protocol for the committee to consider. This protocol outlines the timelines and processes that are required to host overseas delegates to Burnaby School District. It includes the specific outcomes and objectives of the visits and weighs the benefits and advantages of visits to the district. The committee is reviewing the option of a fee schedule for visiting delegations and directed staff to review processes in other Metro districts.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Sister/Friendship Schools

Trustee Chia brought forward the suggestion of developing sister/friendship school relations with overseas schools. Staff was directed to review such opportunities for educational and cultural experiences both within the district and across Metro Vancouver.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

4. Intercultural and Global Competency Certificate

Angela Ferraro, Managing Director International Education, presented the committee with the most recent research on the importance of developing students' intercultural and global competencies skills. In April, the International Education Office will be attending an Intercultural Competencies Workshop delivered by Doctor Kyra Garson, an expert in this field. This workshop will provide foundational information, provide further insight to the department and serve as a starting place from which a framework can be developed for the certificate program.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

5. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, April 20th at 4:30 pm.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, February 10, 2015

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. In attendance were Trustee committee members Baljinder Narang (chair), Katrina Chen, Larry Hayes; Gina Niccoli-Moen, Superintendent of Schools; Kristin Schnider, DPAC; and Director of Instruction, Peter Dubinsky for items 2, 3 and 4.

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. Trustees reported the following changes to the committee names: City's Social Issues Committee and Community Policing Committee are now Social Planning and Public Safety Committee, respectively. Discussion regarding the possible name change for the City of Burnaby's Task Force on the Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth are underway.

Public Safety Committee

Trustee Hayes reported that Burnaby North students were acknowledged for their community involvement and effort on the Public Safety Committee.

2. Community Schools Review

Director of Instruction, Peter Dubinsky, provided an update regarding the second phase of the Community Schools Review.

After meeting with organizers, at its meeting on January 22, the working group heard from representatives from both Surrey and Vancouver school districts regarding their respective models of community schools. The committee reviewed the opportunities and challenges of each model. In addition, a "family of schools" option as well as a model from Manitoba were considered.

The committee will host its third meeting on Thursday, February 19 at 5:00p at Stride Avenue Community School. The working group will discuss efficiencies and opportunities in each of the models presented.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Do What U Luv

At its October 7, 2014 meeting, the YCSC received a report regarding the organization, *Do What U Luv*, and their request to provide programs, free of charge, in Burnaby schools. It was determined that the program options offered to the district would require additional staff resources at each school site in order for the programs to operate effectively. Due to

the additional resources necessary to run this outside service, the program is not seen as a viable option for the district at this time.

Recommendation: That the Board receive this information.

4. New Business/Updates

a) Spring Break Opportunities

The committee received information regarding a current list of program opportunities for the upcoming spring break, March 9 – 20. The flyer outlines the City of Burnaby's offerings available at local community centres, libraries, recreation complexes and other community resources. Information is available at schools and posted on the district website.

b) Byrne Creek Community School Opening

The committee received information regarding the official celebration for the “opening” of Byrne Creek Community School to be held on Wednesday, March 4 from 4:00p to 6:00p. The celebration will include a school tour, dance performance, official “unveiling” and cake cutting. Formal invitations will follow.

c) Fraser Park Secondary

Trustee Hayes reported out information regarding the many initiatives at Fraser Park Secondary. The committee discussed opportunities to celebrate initiatives at Fraser Park as well as consideration for community partnerships to be explored.

Recommendation: That the Board receive this information.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

5. Next Meeting

The meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee is Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.