

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, March 11 2014

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 5:00 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart (items 2-4) and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno.

1. Meeting with Partner Groups

The committee had previously met at 4:15 pm. with partner group representatives from the BTA (James Sanyshyn, President), CUPE (Paul Simpson, President, and John Delima, Secretary-Treasurer), DPAC (Katherine Robertson, President, and Jocelyn Schonekess, Treasurer) and DSAC (Annice Chang, Secretary and Janani Ravikularam, Secretary). Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank presented a draft of the district's projected 2014/2015 status quo operating budget including timelines and process for budget development and key budget issues and assumptions.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Draft 2014/2015 Status Quo Preliminary Operating Budget

Mr. Frank presented the committee with an update on the draft status quo preliminary operating budget. Staff will continue to refine the budget for the next committee meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Potential Areas of Budget Adjustment

Mr. Frank provided the committee with an overview of potential budget adjustments for 2014/2015. The committee discussed the potential budget adjustments in detail. The committee provided direction to staff and further information will be brought forward to the next meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

4. Public Budget Meeting, April 9

The committee confirmed the date and location for the public budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 to be held at the district board office.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

5. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:35 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, March 11, 2014

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 5:20 p.m. In attendance were Trustee committee members Larry Hayes (chair), Meiling Chia, Harman Pandher; Gina Niccoli-Moen, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, and Jocelyn Schonekess, DPAC.

1. McCreary Adolescent Health Survey

The committee received an overview of the results and key findings of the 2013 Adolescent Health Survey (2013 BC AHS), conducted by the McCreary Centre Society.

The Adolescent Health Survey is the largest survey of its kind in Canada and provides the most comprehensive picture of the physical and emotional health of BC youth, including risk and protective factors. The results are used by government, school districts, health professionals and community organizations to assist in the planning and evaluation of services, policies and programs for youth.

The 2013 BC AHS was administered to almost 30,000 public school students 12 – 19 years of age, across the province. The survey is administered every five years and the data provides some comparative results and trends from previous years. Some key findings were reported in the McCreary Provincial Report which included results of the 56 participating districts. The results from the survey show British Columbia youth come from increasingly diverse backgrounds, and that youth are generally making better choices about risk behaviours than they have in previous years.

Despite improvements, there are still a number of areas of concern. Students showed increased mental health concerns and a larger percentage of youth were obese than in previous survey years.

The survey was also able to identify a number of protective factors for BC youth that contribute to general health and well-being. These included physical activity, good nutrition, getting at least nine hours of sleep per night, feeling safe at home, school and in their neighbourhood, participating in cultural activities, having supportive adults and peers, having a sense of competence and feeling listened to and valued.

The provincial report in its entirety, along with details regarding this initiative and project opportunities, can be found at the McCreary Centre Society website at www.mcs.bc.ca.

The next steps include an analysis of the data provided by Burnaby students and, once compiled, staff will review findings and determine implications of prevention and intervention program planning.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. Breakfast for Learning

As Canada's first and one of the largest charities focusing on child nutrition, *Breakfast for Learning* operates nationally in all 10 provinces and 3 territories and has been helping support and sustain school-based breakfast, lunch and snack programs for more than 20 years. Since starting in 1992, *Breakfast for Learning* has nourished over 2.9 million children with the provision of over 400 million meals and snacks.

Breakfast for Learning provides child nutrition program grants and support for equipment and appliances to ensure funding for school-based breakfast, lunch and snack nutrition programs. In addition, volunteer and program development opportunities provide resources and tools to run quality sustainable programs.

Currently, 7 Burnaby schools are accessing the *Breakfast for Learning* Program including Burnaby North and Byrne Creek Secondary Schools and Armstrong, Clinton, Edmonds, Maywood, and Stride Elementary Schools.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

7. Next Meeting

The meeting of the Youth and Community Services Committee is Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.