

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session on Monday, April 10, 2017**

The Education Committee met on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair) and Baljinder Narang, DPAC Representative Kristin Schnider and Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell.

**1. StrongStart Partnership with Nursing School at Douglas College**

Sheri Brattston, Coordinator of Community Services, introduced Lillian Kocmaruk, StrongStart Facilitator at Twelfth Avenue Elementary who shared the benefits of the school district partnership with the Douglas College School of Nursing.

Douglas College students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the 4 year Bachelor of Nursing Degree Program completed a 6 week practicum in several of our StrongStart Centres. They spent one day a week in a StrongStart Centre where their focus was to provide safe, competent, compassionate, and evidence-based care to vulnerable individuals, families, groups and communities.

Nursing students were professional, competent, independent and helpful. They immersed themselves in the StrongStart program and took a genuine interest in getting to know the children and families. Practicum students worked with the StrongStart Facilitator to determine topics in the areas of health and wellness that would benefit the Twelfth Avenue community. Nursing students presented information and materials on the importance of sleep and nutrition. The families were very grateful for the information. We continue to work closely with Douglas College to provide more opportunities for the Nursing Students to do practicum work in the StrongStart Centres.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. Wandering Wednesdays at Forest Grove Elementary**

Angela Meredith, the Early Learning Helping Teacher, introduced Dawn Howey, Kindergarten teacher and Roz Duchesneau, StrongStart facilitator at Forest Grove Elementary School who shared their *Building Bridges Project, Wandering Wednesdays*.

The Building Bridges Project began four years ago as a way to build connections and deepen the relationship between Strong Start facilitators and Kindergarten teachers. The goal is to support a continuum of learning and smooth transitions for children and families from StrongStart into Kindergarten. The project encourages reflection on how to create places and rich experiences for children to explore, question, and learn together. All twelve of our StrongStart schools have early learning teams made up of Kindergarten teachers and StrongStart facilitators who work collaboratively on inquiry projects. Each year, our teams

make their learning visible for families, children, and each other through discussion and sharing of documentation.

Dawn and Roz are in the second year of their *Building Bridges Project, Wandering Wednesdays*. Their weekly outdoor adventures have nurtured “seeds” that have grown into projects and created deeper more authentic relationships and investigations between children, families and teachers.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

### **3. Next Meeting**

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

### **4. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session Monday, April 10, 2017**

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 5:50 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Baljinder Narang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill and Deputy Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno.

**1. Meeting with Partner Groups**

The committee had previously met that evening with partner group representatives from the BTA (Frank Bonvino, President, Leanne Sjodin, First Vice-President, and Daniel Tetrault, Second Vice-President), CUPE (Paul Simpson, President, and Nicole Montgomery, Vice-President) and DPAC (Kristin Schnider, Chair and Jen Mezei, Past Chair). Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill and Deputy Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno had presented information on the district's draft 2017/2018 status quo budget, including budget projections, highlights of the recent operating grant funding announcement, the new classroom enhancement fund and other key budget issues.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. Long-Term Planning/Enrolment Update**

Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen presented information on the district's long-term planning and enrolment projections, including an update on the district's cross-district application process and the impact of class size changes in organizing schools for the 2017/2018 school year.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

**3. Custodial Review – Response to External Report**

Mr. Horswill presented an update on the Custodial Review and draft internal responses to the recommendations contained within the report. Further consultation and discussions with key stakeholders will occur prior to finalizing a budget proposal and implementation plan.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

#### **4. Updated Draft 2017/2018 Status Quo operating Budget**

Mr. Uyeno presented an updated draft of the projected 2017/2018 status quo operating budget which reflects the Ministry of Education Operating Grant announced on March 15 and updated projections and cost factors. Mr. Uyeno also provided information on the March 24 announced new Classroom Enhancement Fund of \$360 million provincially targeted to funding the new Memorandum of Agreement related to the implementation of the Supreme Court of Canada decision.

Further feedback is expected from the ongoing budget process, including the public budget meeting on April 5, through the district's website and partner group input. Updated information will be brought to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

#### **5. Potential Budget Adjustments**

Mr. Horswill provided the committee with a preliminary list of potential budget adjustments for 2017/2018. Staff will continue to update the potential budget adjustments and updated information will be brought forward to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:37 pm.

**YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session Monday, April 10, 2017**

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Baljinder Narang (Chair) and Katrina Chen, Assistant Superintendent Roberto Bombelli, DPAC Representative Jocelyn Schonekess, 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.

**City's Social Planning**

Trustee Narang reported that this committee will be amalgamating with other city committees to form the new *Sustainable City Advisory Committee*. This committee will begin in April and will meet four times per year.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

**2. Children's Charter Update**

Sheri Brattston, Coordinator Community Services, introduced the work of the Burnaby Community Children Table (BCCT) and the proposed City of Burnaby '*Burnaby Children's Charter*'. The Burnaby Children's Community Table is composed of service providers who work with children from birth to 12 years old and their families. BCCT Representatives include the City of Burnaby, Parks and Recreation, Fraser Health Authority, Burnaby Public Library, Ministry for Children and Family Development, the Burnaby School District and the United Way of the Lower Mainland.

A Children's Charter is a document that expresses what children 3 to 12 years old feel they need to grow up happy and healthy. The Burnaby Children's Charter (BCC), now in its preliminary stage, will help to provide a child's lens to building a child-friendly city that supports and promotes children's rights and responsibilities. Over the next two years the BCCT will create an action plan, raise awareness and gather information in the community and create a work plan based on the information from the Charter. An official launch date has yet to be determined.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

### **3. BC Society of Model Engineers**

Terry and Kathy Anderson, from the BC Society of Model Engineers (BCSME), gave a presentation about the *Burnaby Central Railway*, a registered charity since 1975. The BCSME moved from Heritage Park in 1993 to Confederation Park and offers “*All Aboard to Safety*”, an educational program sponsored by The Railway Association of Canada and Transport Canada. This program helps educate the public about the hazards surrounding rail property and trains. Field trip opportunities for elementary school students can be booked in advance online.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

### **4. One Girl Can**

Lotte Davis, Founder, and Jennifer Napier, Fund Development Coordinator, gave a presentation about the charitable organization, *One Girl Can*. This organization provides Canadian students with an opportunity to fund education for girls in Africa. *One Girl Can* connects elementary and secondary school students graduating from Canadian schools with girls their age in Africa. Canadian students can sponsor girls in Africa by fundraising for secondary school and university scholarships to help them achieve a similar educational standard that opens doors to opportunities.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.