

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, April 28, 2015

1. Secondary School Apprenticeship Program Scholarships

Students enrolled in the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program have the opportunity to begin their apprenticeship-training program while they are still attending secondary school. District and school-based staff have worked with members of the business community to develop partnerships to support students with their training by providing them with practical work experience placements. Upon completion of the program and work experience, students receive secondary school graduation credits, time in trade hours that counts towards the total required hours for their chosen apprenticeship plus the opportunity to earn a program scholarship awarded by the Ministry of Education.

This evening Paul Arthur, Program Consultant, Career and Transition Programs will provide an overview of the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program and recognize the 13 Burnaby students who were awarded scholarships.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information

2. Burnaby's Got Talent

Over the past 12 years, Burnaby District Student Advisory Committee (DSAC) has organized and hosted a district talent competition. This year *Burnaby's Got Talent* was held on April 8 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre with a sell out audience of over 600 attendees. There were sixteen acts, representing each of Burnaby's eight secondary schools, competing to raise funds for a worthy cause. It was an incredible showcase of Burnaby's best student talent. After a panel of guest judges faced the difficult task of narrowing it down to four acts, the audience cast their votes.

The talent in this year's competition was very diverse ranging from singers, dancers, slam poets and magicians. The overall title went to Moscrop Secondary student Alex Montinola, for slam poetry. The real winner was Kinbrace Community Society, a group that supports refugees by providing housing, orientation and education, as the students raised over \$6,000 for their cause.

This evening, members of the DSAC are accompanied by singer Harrison Park from Byrne Creek and magician Paul Ferronato from Burnaby Mountain who will showcase their performances from the event.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.