

program *Scratch* in grade 6, another program *Twine* to create interactive stories in grade 7 and coding of Robotics in grades 8 and 9.

The Burnaby School District is continuing to create a number of learning opportunities for students and professional development opportunities for teachers in the area of coding. Many of our schools were involved with the Hour of Code in December with students from Moscrop going to Electronic Arts (EA) Sports. Teachers also attended a session at the British Columbia Institute of Technology in November. There will be ongoing training opportunities for them over the next two years provided by staff from our Learning Technologies team.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

POLICY COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Monday, January 23, 2017

The Policy Committee met on January 16, 2017 at 5:35 pm. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Harman Pandher and Katrina Chen, Superintendent of Schools, Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary Treasurer, Russell Horswill, Burnaby DPAC Representative, Jen Mezei and Assistant Superintendent, Heather Hart for item 1.

1. Access to Services

The district draft document, *Access to Services for Residents with Uncertain or No Immigration Status*, was approved by the committee. The document, which outlines district practice and procedures for registration and support for newcomers will be shared with school and district-based principals, vice-principals and management staff.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

Staff have reviewed resources provided and noted that changes to district policies are required. Recommended changes will be brought forward to a future meeting to ensure compliance with provincial guidelines.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Policy Committee meeting is February 20, 2017.