

Reporting to Public Session Monday, April 25, 2016

1. District Grade 7 Public Speaking Challenge

The District's Public Speaking Challenge, open to all Grade 7 students in the district, began in 1983 when then Burnaby Principal, Dave Carter, thought of creating a district-wide public speaking challenge for elementary students. Every year since then, hundreds of students have participated in the competition designed to develop confidence and pursue excellence in public speaking skills. Students compete at the school level after which they are selected to move forward to the zone level and then advance to the district finals. This year the district finals were held on Wednesday, March 9 at Byrne Creek Secondary School with the theme of "What If".

Recently the Provincial Outreach Program: Deaf & Hard of Hearing launched their first Deaf Connections Week Celebration which brought students from across the province. One of the events was the Optimist Speech Competition where 24 students presented on how

This evening, members of the DSAC are accompanied by singers Avery and Veronica Amores from Byrne Creek who will showcase their performance from the event.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.