

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019

The Education Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 4:00 pm. In attendance were Trustees Gary Wong (Chair), Peter Cech and Jen Mezei, Assistant Superintendent Wanda Mitchell and DPAC Representative Maria Gunner.

1. Early Years Plan

Jeannette Laursoo, Director of Instruction, Sheri Brattston, Coordinator of Community Services and Early Learning, and Angela Meredith, Early Learning Helping Teacher provided the committee with an overview of the District Early Years Plan.

During the 2018-19 school year, over 30 educators, including Elementary Principals, StrongStart Educators, Primary Teachers and district staff worked collaboratively with consultant John Talbot on the development of the District Early Years Plan. The plan includes a focus on Kindergarten, but there is an opportunity for students to enrol at the beginning of grade 1. Late French Immersion begins in grade 6 and students continue in the program joining early immersion peers from grade 1.

Registration procedures and placement priorities for our language programs were highlighted for the committee. Enrolment history demonstrates that the program has more than doubled in size since 2000/2001 and the ten year projected enrolment shows that we continue to maintain current enrolment numbers. In order to accommodate the high demand for our Immersion Programs, the District is maximizing space within schools to sustain the current level of access.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
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The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCS) is a sub-committee of the Youth and Community Services Committee (YCS) established in 2011. It is responsible for the development and implementation of the Youth and Community Services Committee's strategy and for the monitoring and evaluation of its performance. The YCS is a sub-committee of the Youth and Community Services Committee (YCS) established in 2011. It is responsible for the development and implementation of the Youth and Community Services Committee's strategy and for the monitoring and evaluation of its performance.

Healthy Communities Partnership

Trustee Stewart reported that upcoming activities being coordinated by the Healthy Communities Partnership include a social connectedness summit in the Spring of 2020 and the Walking Challenge 2020.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Burnaby Children's Charter

Coordinator Community Services Sheri Brattston reported to the committee about the Burnaby Children's Charter

The Burnaby Children's Community Table (BCCT) in partnership with Equitas International Centre for Human Rights Education, has been working on developing a Burnaby Children's Charter since the Spring of 2018. The BCCT is a group of community service providers that serve Burnaby children and families with representatives from the City of Burnaby, Fraser Health, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Burnaby Public Library, Ministry for Children and Family Development, Burnaby School District, United Way Lower Mainland, not-for-profit organizations and community based organizations who have worked collaboratively to contribute to and support the charter process

On November 4, 2019 the BCCT will be presenting the Burnaby Children's Charter to the City Council for endorsement. Next steps will include the BCCT reaching out to stakeholders, community partners, and service providers for Charter endorsement.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

4. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next Youth and Community Services Committee meeting is November 5, 2019.