

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session on Tuesday, April 28, 2015

The Education Committee met on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 4:30pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Baljinder Narang and Meiling Chia, BTA President Rae Figursky and Assistant Superintendents Wanda Mitchell and Heather Hart.

1. Simon Fraser Sports Academies and Future Directions

Director of Instruction, Garth Errico provided a brief summary of the sports academies in the Burnaby School District that have been established in partnership with Simon Fraser University. Swimming and Softball Academies were established in 2008 with a Soccer Academy beginning in 2009. Teacher coach, Scott Spracklin provided an overview of the programs and highlighted the advantages.

The academies provide a great opportunity for students to improve in a sports specific skill as well as teaching students overall fitness and developing healthy attitudes toward lifelong wellness. Additionally, these programs provide other advantages including mental preparation, information on science and nutrition, sport science and human performance. Teamwork, leadership, professionalism and confidence are at the foundation of the programs.

Burnaby school district is currently a leader in the delivery of sports academies that highlight academic and athletic components and connections; allowing students to work with a post-secondary institution and connect with varsity level athletes.

The general design of the course involves students in grade 8-12 attending a Burnaby Secondary School where they earn 2 credits for Physical Education and Sport-Specific Conditioning at the appropriate grade level. Classes are comprised of field/in pool technical development, speed, strength and power training, as well as alternative environment activities. The program follows the linear school schedule.

3. Next Meeting

The next committee will take place on Monday, May

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, April 28, 2015

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 5:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Katrina Chen, Meiling Chia, Baljinder Narang, Harman Pandher and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Gina Niccoli-Moen, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli, Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno.

1. Meeting with Partner Groups

The committee had previously met at 5:00 p.m. with partner group representatives from the BTA (Rae Figursky