

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, October 14, 2014

1. District Student Advisory Council (DSAC)

The role of the District Student Advisory Council (DSAC) is to provide a formal process for Burnaby students to express their ideas and concerns regarding district programs and operations. They assist in decision making and provide feedback in regard to school district programs, policies and practices. The council provides students with an opportunity to explore issues concerning youth in the community.

Each year the DSAC participates in a Leadership Retreat to discuss their goals and plans for the new school year. This evening, Ron Hall, Director of Instruction will introduce members of the Burnaby DSAC who will highlight their experiences at the 2015 Leadership Retreat.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

2. District Students Selected for SHAD Summer Program

Secondary students from across the district were selected from more than 1,200 applicants to attend SHAD, a 4 week summer program held at host universities across Canada. SHAD exposes youth to advanced topics in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). By getting out of their comfort zone, students discover new ways to learn, engage, experiment and excel.

This evening, Trustees will hear of the empowering experiences that these fortunate Burnaby students encountered in developing their potential as tomorrow's leaders and change makers.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

3. Odyssey of the Mind

Celebrating 30 years in British Columbia, Odyssey of the Mind promotes creative problem solving for students from Kindergarten through College.

On Saturday, April 26, 2014 a team from Marlborough Elementary School competed in the Odyssey of the Mind Provincial Tournament at Burnaby North Secondary School.

There were two parts to the competition:

1) Teams were given a spontaneous verbal or hands challenge where they had to think and respond quickly and demonstrate teamwork.

2) Teams presented their creative solution to a long term problem.

Two of the three teams that participated in the Provincials won gold and the third team won silver. All three teams had the opportunity to attend the World Finals in Ames, Iowa in May.

This evening, Holly Lloyd, Teacher Montecito Elementary