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The idea was inspired by a school goal in the area of Social Emotional Learning recognizing a need to re-engage the most disengaged learners. Connecting and collaborating with the Boys Club Network, a privately-funded registered Canadian charity, a group was assembled that acts as a 'living library', with speakers from local community partners and Byrne Creek alumni as well as a vast network of speakers accessed from the Boys Club Network. Between September 2019 and January 2020 interest has grown initially from 15 boys to now 70 boys for the speaker series, with 18 boys who have registered for the BAA course.

This evening, Nick Christofides, Vice-Principal of Byrne Creek Community Secondary School will provide some background on the learning that happens in the course and in the speaker series, while Bal Dhillon, Community Coordinator and Constable Mathieu Lesquelin from Burnaby RCMP will speak about the impact this is having on students. Joining them to share their thoughts are Boys Club Members, Semir Hasic, Simon Tewdoros and Bobby Mabeny.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.