

**EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS STANDING COMMITTEE
NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Meeting Notes: Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Meeting Attendance:

Trustees, a representative from the Student Leadership Council and from District Parent Advisory Council, school administrators and members of District Staff were in attendance at the meeting. This meeting was held in the Conference Room at the Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre. Trustee Sheila Bouman chaired the meeting.

Meeting Notes:

Trustee Bouman provided a welcome and an overview of the three agenda topics for the meeting.

Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement - 2011-2012

John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools, presented an overview of the recent changes introduced by the Ministry of Education to the annual Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement. He reported that changes to the report are intended to ensure transparency and accountability for each school district in terms of its responsibility for improving student achievement. He indicated that the evidence used to report student achievement will include provincial and local (district) measures. Local data can include a number of commonly used, district-wide instruments such as school assessments and teacher classroom assessment. Mr. Lewis advised that due to the changes to the report, coupled with late availability of Ministry data, the Superintendent's Report on Student Achievement will be presented at the January 24, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

Proposed Board/Authority Authorized Courses

Monty Bell, Director of Learning Services, advised the audience that this presentation was a follow-up to his presentation at the Towards the Future for Schools Standing Committee meeting on held October 4, 2011. He encouraged the audience to view the information posted on the District website on Board/Authority Authorized courses as his presentation at this meeting was to outline the BAA course preparation and review process. Using the district's review template, he outlined the key areas of the review process; that consist of: course structure, rationale, learning outcomes, instructional components, and assessment and learning resources. Once Mr. Bell and the district committee have completed their review of the proposed new BBA courses, they will be sent to the Board and the BC Ministry of Education. Mr. Bell highlighted that some of the new BBA courses have been developed with community partnerships such as Capliano University, Simon Fraser University and other local community agencies. Parents were advised that with many new BAA and Distributed Learning courses, they should contact their local school counsellors and administrators when it comes to course selection for their children.

Fine Arts Service Delivery Model

Yolande Martinello, District Principal for Fine Arts, introduced an interactive activity whereby the participants worked in small groups to reflect on their personal experiences in either dance, drama, music or the visual arts. After sharing their experiences, she walked them through the new district Fine Arts/Arts Education Service Delivery model for grades Kindergarten to seven. Using various quotes, she highlighted

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a few of the sections of the delivery model. Some of the areas she commented on were: the district's vision of education in the arts; exemplary practices in fine arts; the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholder groups; and sample lesson plans that foster imagination, innovation and creativity. Ms. Martinello advised that, in collaboration with school district teachers, a series of in-service sessions was developed last June to introduce the new Fine Arts Service Delivery Model. Due to the current teacher job action, the sessions have not yet been delivered to teachers.

General Questions and Comments:

Questions and comments were addressed throughout the presentations. Trustee Bouman, the Standing Committee Chairperson, thanked the presenters for an informative session and expressed her appreciation for their participation. Since this was Trustee Bouman's last Education & Programs Standing Committee meeting, Assistant Superintendent Roberts thanked her for her service as Chair of the Committee over the past year, and for her leadership with regards to the development of the Committee's agenda for each meeting.

Future Meetings:

May 1, 2012 @ Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre

June 12, 2012 @ Leo Marshall Curriculum Centre