

Trustee Report:

*As the largest school district in B.C.—though with just seven board members—Surrey Board of Education trustees are kept very busy supporting schools and students, as well as representing district interests in the community. The following is a summary of the most recent trustee activities on behalf of the district.*

Trustees attended the following district and community events:

- the Minister of Education’s Innovation Forum in Langley, where Minister Fassbender presented BC’s vision for the future of education in BC;
- the Surrey Principals’ and Vice Principals’ Association annual conference, where noted educator Alan November was the guest speaker;
- the announcement by the provincial government of additional funding for the district’s WRAP program;
- the Cloverdale Rodeo Kick-Off luncheon hosted by the Cloverdale District Chamber of Commerce;
- the District Dance Festival, where a trustee acted as Master of Ceremonies;
- the annual “Biennale” celebration where district students explored the theme of personal identity and embracing uniqueness. A trustee acted as Master of Ceremonies for this event.
- the Surrey Elementary Schools Association Annual General Meeting and awards ceremony, celebrating athletics in the District. We would like to acknowledge and thank the school coaches and teachers for their continued hard work and dedication to sports; often giving up time with their families to do so. Elementary coaches not only develop the skills and foundations of an athlete, but they also foster school pride and help nurture a happy and healthy school community. They instill in our students that it is not about winning or losing, but the importance of learning and loving the game.
- Trustees attended a celebration of the Mentorship Program for At Risk Youth in Surrey. Students and mentors spoke about their experience and the benefits of this important program. The Board appreciates and thanks the Learning Center professionals for selecting students they feel will benefit from the work experience, and also the City for ensuring the students are placed in the right area of work. The program is in its eighth year and continues to be successful.

And, trustees attended several school events, including:

- the official opening ceremony and open house for the new Guildford Learning Centre location;
- the Beaver Creek Elementary production of The Lion King;
- Berkshire Park Elementary’s Art Open House; and,
- a special screening of documentary short films, called “Surrey Stories”, created by students from the five Learning Centres and Guildford Park Secondary. These films were produced in two separate five-day digital film boot camps under the direction of staff from Cinematheque;

Trustees also acted as speech meet judges at a number of schools, and conducted grad exit interviews at a few secondary schools.

And, trustees participated in several meetings, including;

- Intensive Fine Arts Advisory Committee
- Traditional Program Advisory Committee
- Montessori Advisory Committee
- Food action coalition
- Budget Committee

2015-05-14 Board Meeting

- Board & DPAC Liaison meeting
- Selection Committee for Elementary Vice Principals, District Principal, Summer Learning Vice Principals, and,
- On Monday evening Trustees attended a very informative meeting on Special Education programs in the District.