

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:

- Numerous track meets, for all the different sizes and categories of schools-Tiny, Small, Medium, Large, Big and Extra Large;
- East Kensington / Halls Prairie mini meet
- Two-day Special Ed track meet;
- 25 Year Service Reception for Surrey School District employees;
- Surrey Principals and Vice Principals Association Retirement Dinner;
- Opening of the Newton Early Learning Years Centre; and
- A Trustee judged the District Chili contest.

Trustees attended a special funding announcement from the federal government pledging \$3.5 million for crime prevention over five years for the District's Safe Schools Department.

And, trustees attended several school events, including:

- the musical production of Joseph at Morgan Creek Elementary;
- the Music Gala at Semiahmoo Secondary;
- Hall's Prairie Spring Fair;
- The arts music coffee house event at Tamanawis Secondary;
- a tour of SAIL and several other elementary schools;
- the 50th Anniversary celebration at Erma Stephenson Elementary; and
- the grand opening of A.J. McLellan playground.

Commencements are an important milestone in a student's life and the Board appreciates the opportunity to participate in the celebrations honouring the students and the staff of our schools. Trustees attending commencements at the following secondary schools: Clayton Heights, Earl Marriott, Elgin Park, Enver Creek, Frank Hurt, Kwantlen Park, LA Matheson, Panorama Ridge, Princess Margaret, Queen Elizabeth, Semiahmoo, Sullivan Heights, and Fraser Heights. Trustees also attended The Aboriginal Honouring Ceremony held today.

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

And, trustees participated in several meetings, including:

- Two DPAC Meetings;
- Ideas 36;
- Metro Trustees meeting hosted at DEC; and
- An informative meeting on Aboriginal Education.

A Trustee attended "*Journey into Documentation*", an event sponsored by the BCTF and the Surrey Teachers Association. It was a very enlightening presentation highlighting the passion, enthusiasm and devotion of our teachers.

The Board met with the Editorial Board of the Surrey Leader and the Peace Arch Newspapers to highlight the current capital concerns in the District; and

On Monday, the Board hosted a Liaison meeting with the City of Surrey. It was a productive meeting with the Mayor, Councillors and city staff.