

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, March 11 2014**

The Finance Committee met on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 5:00 pm. In attendance were Trustees Ron Burton (Chair), Meiling Chia, Larry Hayes, Baljinder Narang, James Wang and Gary Wong; Superintendent of Schools Kevin Kaardal, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank, Deputy Superintendent Gina Niccoli-Moen, Assistant Superintendents Roberto Bombelli and Heather Hart (items 2-4) and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Roy Uyeno.

**1. Meeting with Partner Groups**

The committee had previously met at 4:15 pm. with partner group representatives from the BTA (James Sanyshyn, President), CUPE (Paul Simpson, President, and John Delima, Secretary-Treasurer), DPAC (Katherine Robertson, President, and Jocelyn Schonekess, Treasurer) and DSAC (Annice Chang, Secretary and Janani Ravikularam, Secretary). Secretary-Treasurer Greg Frank presented a draft of the district's projected 2014/2015 status quo operating budget including timelines and process for budget development and key budget issues and assumptions.

#### **4. Public Budget Meeting, April 9**

The committee confirmed the date and location for the public budget meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 to be held at the district board office.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

**YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, March 11, 2014**

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 5:20 p.m. In attendance were Trustee committee members Larry Hayes (chair), Meiling Chia, Harman Pandher; Gina Niccoli-Moen, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, and Jocelyn Schonekess, DPAC.

**1. McCreary Adolescent Health Survey**

The committee received an overview of the results and key findings of the 2013 Adolescent Health Survey (2013 BC AHS), conducted by the McCreary Centre Society.

The Adolescent Health Survey is the largest survey of its kind in Canada and provides the most comprehensive picture of the physical and emotional health of BC youth, including risk and protective factors. The results are used by government, school districts, health professionals and community organizations to assist in the planning and evaluation of services, policies and programs for youth.

The 2013 BC AHS was administered to almost 30,000 public school students 12 – 19 years of age, across the province. The survey is administered every five years and the data provides some comparative results and trends from previous years. Some key findings were reported in the McCreary Provincial Report which included results of the 56 participating districts. The results from the survey show British Columbia youth come from increasingly diverse backgrounds, and that youth are generally making better choices about risk behaviours than they have in previous years.

Despite improvements, there are still a number of areas of concern. Students showed increased mental health concerns and a larger percentage of youth were obese than in previous survey years.

The survey was also able to identify a number of protective factors for BC youth that contribute to general health and well-being. These included physical activity, good nutrition, getting at least nine hours of sleep per night

