

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Reporting to Public Session on Monday, December 11, 2017

The Education Committee met on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair) and Baljinder Narang, DPAC Representative Kristin Schnider and Assistant Superintendent Heather Hart.

1. STEAM Program at Byrne Creek Secondary School

Garth Errico, Director of Instruction and David Starr, Principal of Byrne Creek Community School presented a proposal for a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) program for grade 8 students beginning in Fall 2018. The program will combine grades 8 and 9 Math, Science and Careers, Art and Applied Design Skills Technology (ADST) 8. Careers and ADST will act as the multidisciplinary connector between courses. Specific skills learned in this year long program at Byrne Creek Community School include, but are not limited to: Robotics, Coding, Digital Design, Media Arts, Electronics, Metal and Woodwork and Entrepreneurship.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

2. Board /Authority Authorized Courses

Garth Errico, Director of Instruction presented rationale for three Board /Authority Authorized Courses; First Nations Leadership 12, French Leadership 11 and Improvisation 12. First Nations Leadership 12 will foster leadership skills and attitudes among youth, specifically First Nations Youth. Students will become positive contributors to the Indigenous community as they work through a variety of activities. French Leadership 11 will provide meaningful opportunities for students to engage in experiential learning situations. As peer tutors, these students will encourage and develop skills in younger students focused on French language and culture. Improvisation 12 will elaborate on the basic improvisation skills of listening, clarity, confidence and cooperation, skills that can be used in everyday life. This course will help students in the development of their core competencies in Communication, Thinking and Personal and Social Responsibility.

Recommendation: THAT the Board of Education receive and approve Board /Authority Authorized Courses; First Nations Leadership 12, French Leadership 11 and Improvisation 12, for implementation in September 2018.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

4. Next Meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 4:30 pm.