

**Trustee Reports
November 15, 2017**

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:

- Trustees attended Remembrance Day Ceremonies at the Whalley, Crescent Beach, and Cloverdale Legions and the City of White Rock Ceremony at the Cenotaph
- The 21st Annual Surrey Police Officer of the Year and Business Awards
- A Trustee welcomed teachers at the *Teacher Leadership Program* held at the Resource and Education Centre: and
- Trustees attended the BC Student Leadership Conference hosted by the Surrey School District at Fleetwood Park Secondary.

Trustees attended several school events:

- James Ardiel Elementary annual Harvest Hoedown
- Sullivan Heights Secondary guest speaker on leadership and community building
- Trustees were Judges for the Fantasy hair Projects at North Surrey Learning Centre
- Panorama Ridge Secondary goodbye ceremony for Japanese students
- Earl Marriott Secondary Remembrance Day assembly; and
- The Remembrance Day assembly at White Rock Elementary

A Trustee toured the following schools: Morgan, Frost Road and Surrey Traditional Elementary Schools and Johnston Heights and Tamanawis Secondary Schools.

Trustees also participated in several meetings:

- District Parent Advisory Committee
- Aboriginal Education Council
- British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Metro Branch
- BCSTA Provincial Council
- BCPSEA Advisory Committee
- Montessori Advisory Committee
- Traditional Advisory Committee
- Intensive Fine Arts Advisory Committee
- French Immersion Advisory Committee
- Surrey Crime Prevention Society
- Second Language Working Group
- Ministry of Education – BCSTA 3rd Annual Partner Liaison Meeting
- BCSTA meeting of Board Chairs
- BCSTA Bylaw Review Committee
- BCSTA Professional Learning Committee
- iDEAS 36
- British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) Symposium

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- Elementary Principal Selection Committee
 - Trustee In-Service: Topics included Programs of Choice and Second Languages Working Group
 - Elementary Vice Principal Selection Committee; and
 - School Naming Committee

The Board of Education submitted a report to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services – Budget Consultation 2018. The comprehensive submission included requests for the following; additional capital funding, elimination of district contributions on major capital projects, increased Annual Facilities Grant, increased operating budget funding, funding for unique costs in fast growing districts, a review of the number of one time and ongoing targeted grants, funding for exempt staff salary increases and a review of exempt staff benefits. A copy of our submission is available on the District website.

Trustees met with Surrey MLAS in order to highlight the District's immediate needs for Capital funding as well as support for incremental operational costs. In addition, MLAs were given a copy of the *Five Year Capital Plan 2018/19* that was recently submitted to the Ministry of Education for approval.

Trustees hosted the District's Annual District Retirement Dinner at the Resource and Education Centre. Approximately 250 retirees from the 2016-2017 year were in attendance.