

Administrative Memorandum

Regular Board Meeting

Date: September 11, 2019
Topic: 2021 Special Olympics BC Summer Games
Submitted by: D. Greg Frank, Secretary-Treasurer

Background:

Special Olympics BC (SOBC) will be hosting their 2021 Special Olympics summer games in Surrey, BC. The events will take place from July 8-11, 2021 where 1,080 athletes and 278 coaches are expected to take part in the games.

SOBC has requested the support of Surrey School District in providing space in two or three secondary schools (a total of 120 classrooms) to be used as sleeping quarters for athletes and coaches. SOBC will also require access to the schools' cafeteria/hub, change rooms, showers, washrooms, hallways and parking lots.

SOBC has requested a waiver of the district's hourly rental fee for the spaces they require. They have agreed to cover all "hard" costs including set-up, take-down, custodial (including paper products), security and opens/closes. They will utilize a professional caterer to provide food that will be consumed in the school cafeterias. No access to kitchens will be provided.

The City of Surrey has supported SOBC's 2021 plans by offering facilities where events will be held at no cost.

The Facility Rentals team will liaise with both SOBC and school principals to ensure that the use of district space meets the needs of all parties involved. Staff expects that the details of the space requirements and usage will be finalized in the fall of 2020.

It is recommended:

THAT the Board of Education receive the report for information.
