
**Board Report
November 18, 2020**

I am pleased to report on the work of the Board since the last update in October. Trustees continue to meet regularly and work on governance and advocacy through various online platforms and virtual meetings.

BCSTA

On October 15th Board Chairs came together to look at government processes and advocacy and discuss future planning for student learning and the upcoming budget. The BCSTA Metro districts met on October 21st and on October 24th at the BCSTA Provincial Council, advocacy and the upcoming budget were again among the major topics.

Engagement with Stakeholders

Trustees continued their duties in representing the board and liaising with our community and educational partners through their work on various committees including the City of Surrey Parks & Recreation Committee, the Seeds of Change Committee, the Aboriginal Education Council, the Surrey Board of Trade Social Policy & Workforce Development Team meeting, and Surrey DPAC.

Recognition Events

November is a time for us all to observe Remembrance Day and trustees would usually participate in ceremonies taking place throughout Surrey. With the pandemic keeping us apart, those in person ceremonies did not take place this year. However, the Board was supportive of and very proud that our schools and communities found new ways to observe the day and honour those who have fallen in the line of duty.

November is also the time that we recognize the service of staff who are retiring. While we cannot get together in person this year to celebrate those staff they will be recognized and, on behalf of the Board, we thank them for their service and wish them well as they embark on new ventures.

And before I finish today, I would also like to publicly congratulate Superintendent Tinney who is the recipient of the “2020 C21 Canada Shifting Minds Learning and Innovation Award”. C21 Canada is a national, not-for-profit organization advocating for the accelerated integration of 21st century competencies, instructional practices, and digital services and resources in Canada’s learning systems. Superintendent Tinney was awarded the honour at a surprise virtual presentation on October 28th. We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Tinney providing his unique leadership at the district, particularly during this unprecedented, uncertain time of the pandemic when instructional and learning practices are evolving so rapidly. On behalf of the Board and the district, congratulations, Jordan!

Thank you.