# EDUCATION COMMITTEE Reporting to Public Session, Tuesday, June 9, 2015

The Education Committee met on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm. In attendance were Trustees Harman Pandher (Chair), Baljinder Narang and Meiling Chia, DPAC Representative Jennifer Mezei and Assistant Superintendents Heather Hart and Wanda Mitchell.

#### 1. Collaboration Time at Alpha Secondary School

Paul Fester, Principal, Alpha Secondary along with David Greve, Vice-Principal, Debra Rizzo, Department Head, Applied Skills and Brett Meredith, English Teacher presented the committee with the proposal for implementing Collaboration Time at Alpha Secondary School.

The group presented the school's plan for establishing a formalized and regular collaboration time model to be implemented in September 2015. The implementation of the model will enable staff to work to better enhance student learning and improve the educational experience for students. They outlined the details and structure of the model for both students and staff and highlighted the importance of having strong learner-focused goals and working with senior student mentors. The Collaboration Team Committee at Alpha plans on posting the collaboration groups' learning intentions on the school website to share with the school community.

Staff, PAC and the school parent community were consulted prior to the proposal being presented to the Education Committee.

the district's new waste containers and compostable bags. They also monitored compliance rates and responded with additional education, if required. Over 6000 high school students were educated in the purpose and structure of the program. Strong relationships between students, administrators, custodians and teachers have proven to be key in effective implementation of this program.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.

#### 3. Board Authority Approved (BAA) Courses

#### Dance Conditioning 10/11/12 and Dance Company 10/11/12

Ron Hall, Director of Instruction introduced Dance Teachers Ashley Chow, Moscrop Secondary, Ashley Douglas, Burnaby Mountain Secondary, Allison Murphy, Byrne Creek Secondary, and Shannon Tirling, Byrne Creek Secondary, who presented rationale for the Board Authority Approved Courses Dance Conditioning 10 / 11 / 12 and Dance Company 10 / 11 / 12.

Dance conditioning courses are designed to introduce students to the principles of strength and conditioning as they pertain to dance technique. Students will develop an increased amount of strength, technique and flexibility through the practice of various methodologies as well as having an in-depth understanding of the anatomy and phted rdance techniqo1080tivey and hur

## 4. School Plans

## YOUTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, June 9, 2015

The Youth and Community Services Committee (YCSC) met on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at  $5:00~\mathrm{pm}$ . In

## 4. New Business/Updates

## a) Everfi Future Goals - Update

The district will pilot the "Future Goals" program in 12 classes between grades 6 and 9 in the month of June 2015. Lucky Saini, Learning Technology Program Consultant, will