

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Reporting to Public Session Tuesday, May 13, 2014

1. Secondary School Apprenticeship Programs

Students enrolled in the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program have the opportunity to begin their apprenticeship-training program while they are still attending secondary school. District and school-based staff have worked with members of the business community to develop partnerships to support students with their training by providing them with practical work experience placements. On the completion of the program and work experience, students receive secondary school graduation credits, time in trade hours that counts towards the total required hours for their chosen apprenticeship plus the opportunity to earn a program scholarship awarded by the Ministry of Education.

This evening Donna Scott, District Principal and Paul Arthur, Consultant, Career & Transition Programs will provide an overview of the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program and recognize the 17 Burnaby students who were awarded scholarships.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information

2. Burnaby's Got Talent

Over the past 11 years, Burnaby District Student Advisory Committee (DSAC) has organized and hosted a district talent competition. This year *Burnaby's Got Talent* was held on April 23 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre with another large audience of over 350 attendees. There were sixteen acts, representing each of Burnaby's eight secondary schools, competing to raise funds for a worthy cause. It was an incredible showcase of Burnaby's best student talent. After a panel of judges faced the difficult task of narrowing it down to four acts, the audience cast their votes.

The talent in this year's competition was very diverse ranging from singers, dancers, slam poets and magicians. The overall title went to Burnaby Mountain's Jahlil Dulay, who danced his way to first place. The real winner was the Burnaby Children's Fund as the students raised over \$3,600 for their cause.

This evening Director of Instruction, Ron Hall will introduce DSAC President Thalia Lang and DSAC Vice President Stephen Lachocki. They will introduce Burnaby Mountain dancer Jahlil Dulay as well as Burnaby Central magician Jozef Amiri and Cariboo Hill guitarist Mark Virginillo.

Recommendation: THAT the Board receive this information.