

Trustee Reports – December 10th, 2015

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:

- Aboriginal Winter Family Celebration; and
- An education seminar at SFU

A Trustee attended the press conference announcing the launch of SMART (Surrey Mobilization and Resiliency Table), a risk driven response model that works in collaboration with other human service providers to address developing community problems before they become police problems.

A Trustee spoke at a number of community clubs about the experience of visiting refugee camps earlier this fall and the impact on the lives of the people living in camps.

We attended several school events including:

- The Holocaust Symposium at the Bell Centre
- The “Orange” Games at Panorama Ridge Secondary
- A Career Fair at Guildford Park Secondary
- The Musical Annie at Betty Huff Elementary
- A concert at David Brankin Elementary; and
- The White Rock Learning Centre holiday dinner

A Trustee toured Cambridge, Holly and Hillcrest Elementary Schools and Princess Margaret Secondary.

Trustees also participated in several meetings:

- Assistant Superintendent Selection Committee
- iDEAS 36 Student Leadership
- Public Relations Committee – School Naming
- Teachers’ Qualification Service
- BC School Trustees Association Provincial Council
- The Elementary Principal Selection Committee
- District Parents Advisory Council
- Surrey Crime Prevention Society
- Diversity Advisory Committee
- Board/Executive Committee
- Budget Committee; and
- All Principal and Vice Principal Admin meeting

The Board met with the newly elected MP's from Surrey/White Rock to discuss the Syrian Refugee families and their integration into Surrey Schools.

Trustees attended the British Columbia School Trustees Association Academy, November 26 to 28th in Vancouver. During the Academy the Board and Executive met with Jill Kot, Assistant Deputy Minister, Services and Technology Division, Ministry of Education.