Vancouver School Board

Board Meeting Report by Mia Liu

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In this report, I will be providing an overview of VDSC’s year-end projects and plans.

Surrounding the theme of “Planting Your Roots”, this year’s Arts Gala consisted of over 50 submissions from across the district. 300 ballots were casted in the voting process, and winners will be announced in the upcoming week. All artworks have been uploaded onto the VDSC website to form an online gallery, displaying artistic renderings of this year’s theme on appreciating diverse individual identities.

As part of our year-end discussions, VDSC Senior Executives tabled two motions pertaining to the VDSC executive structure.  One motion related to amalgamating executive roles to improve efficiency in communication, and another sought to expand diversity in representation by integrating an indigenous representative position onto the VDSC. The senior executives collected feedback on the proposed motions from VDSC representatives at the last general meeting and will seek input through the Indigenous Education Department on the second motion, which relates to the VSB objective of reconciliation.

To celebrate the end of this school year, VDSC filmed a wrap-up video to summarize and celebrate the council’s achievements, including the fundraising of 250K cans for local food hubs, record level engagement on VDSC’s social media platforms, establishment of the SLO student focus-group, integration of student feedback into district agendas for universal bathrooms, mental health supports, and menstrual products, as well as the recent increase in funds allocated towards student projects.

In light of such progress, VDSC would like to thank all VSB students, staff, our advisors, and the Board for helping us pinpoint, amplify, and listen to the student voice. In my very first Board report, I said to look forward to “a year of cooperation, initiative, and positive change”. VDSC is grateful and proud to have taken part in such change, made possible by the efforts of all of us, together.

That concludes my final report of this school year. Thank you.