Vancouver School Board

Board Meeting Report by Mia Liu

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In this report, I will be providing an overview of recent VDSC projects and initiatives.

As summer approaches, VDSC is excited to launch our final initiative of the year: Arts Gala. This year’s Arts Gala theme is “Planting Your Roots”, which is all about the deep-rooted stories that make each of us unique. Through self-discovery, nature, and nurture, students can express their chromatic identities through various art mediums, including but not limited to literature, music, and visual arts. Winners will be determined by a vote by VSB students and receive scholarships in mid-June.

Regarding the recently allocated funding for student initiatives and sustainability projects, VDSC would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Board for supporting youth initiatives, which have the potential to promote the enhancement of school communities across the district. The executive team has created a video update on the related motions to share the news with the broader student audience. At the last general meeting, superintendent McGregor joined VDSC to help dissect the motions and discuss next steps the council can anticipate on this matter.

The VDSC senior executive team has since connected with student organisers from the VSB Sustainability Conference to hear their perspectives on the 100,000-dollar grant for sustainability projects. Some items of discussion include adopting a centralised approach to allocating the funds and launching collaborative efforts on devising fund-application criteria.

Updates related to VDSC initiatives, advocacies, and responses to students’ issues submissions will be shared with all VSB students through the final issue of our 2022-23 Newsletter, soon to be published this June.

Finally, the VDSC Senior Executive Elections will take place at the June 6th general meeting. This past year, we have witnessed a lot of hard work, cooperation, and positive progress on all aspects of VDSC’s endeavours, which we seek to continue with a newly elected exec team in the near future.