The meeting was held on the traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Coast Salish peoples.

The Committee met to discuss the following items:

1. **Standing Committee Orientation**

   D. Turner, Official Trustee referred to the memorandum entitled *Standing Committee Orientation* dated September 2017 and briefly highlighted the Vancouver Board of Education’s (VBE) Standing Committee process.

   The VBE has five Standing Committee consisting of individual trustees appointed by the full Board. She encouraged all members of the committee to read the package that reviews the specific function of each Standing Committee. The Education and Student Services Committee III is composed of all members of the Board and three trustees are required to be present for a quorum of this Committee. She emphasized the importance of having the stakeholder representatives on Standing Committees to participate in discussions to provide trustees with valuable feedback for final Board approvals.

   This item was received for information.

2. **Delegation: Barbara Lee, Parent at Norquay Elementary**

   B. Lee and S. Sheldon thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak. B. Lee referred to her handout provided and commented that they are representing children who are in the Early Mandarin Bilingual program at Norquay and not speaking on behalf of the Norquay Parent Advisory. Ms. Lee presented concerns regarding the staff report and recommendation to the Board that Windermere secondary be selected as the secondary location for the Early Mandarin Bilingual Program.

   This item was received for information.
3. **District Learning Services (DLS) Program Review**

N. Brennan referred to the memorandum dated September 13, 2017 entitled *Timeline for Upcoming Learning Services (DLS) Program Reviews*. In May of 2016, the Board approved a five-year strategic plan for the Vancouver School District.

N. Brennan provided information about a specific aspect of Goal 1 (Engage our learners through innovative teaching and learning practices) specifically the objective “To enhance support for students with specific needs”. The specific action plans attached to this objective are three separate Learning Services Program reviews: Alternative Education Programs, Special Education Programs and Programs of Choice. N. Brennan outlined a description of and timeline for each review.

These reviews are intended to meet the goals set out in the VSB 2021 Strategic Plan and to ensure that the District’s resources are being allocated in an optimal matter to meet the needs of all learners.

The committee members and stakeholder representatives provided feedback and staff answered questions and provided clarification on various points.

This item was received for information.

4. **Submission of Proposed Motions – BCSTA’s Oct. 27th and 28th Provincial Council Meeting**

D. Green, Secretary Treasurer, stated that any proposed motions for the BCSTA’s upcoming Provincial Council Meeting will be presented for Board approval on September 25, 2017.

This item was provided for information.

5. **Early Mandarin Bilingual Secondary Program Placement**

A. Keough, Director of Instruction, Educational Programs referred to the memorandum dated September 13, 2017 entitled *Early Mandarin Bilingual* and provided an overview of the consultation process regarding the selection of a secondary school site for the Early Mandarin Bilingual Program. He also provided the data and information considered before a recommendation for the proposed location was brought to the Board at this meeting. The secondary program will enroll students in Grade 8 in the 2018-2019 school year.

The committee members and stakeholder representatives provided feedback and staff answered questions and provided clarification on various points.

The following recommendation will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT** the Board approve Windermere as the secondary school site component of the Early Mandarin Bilingual program.
6. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for October 11, 2017 in Room 180. Time to be advised.

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Dianne Turner, Chairperson

Committee III Members Present:

Student Trustee Present: Eugene Jeong

District Management Present: Nancy Brennan, Catherine Jamieson
Magdalena Kassis, Adrian Keough, David Nelson
Ellen Roberts, Rob Schindel

Association Representatives Present: Damian Wilmann, VASSA
Chloe McKnight, VESTA
Diane Martinson, VEPVPA
Treena Goolieff, VSTA
Crystal Smith, DPAC
Audrey Van Alstyne, PASA
Ken Chohanik, Trades
Tim DeVivo, IUOE