1. Vancouver District Student Council Global Initiative “Run for Kicks”

D. Lee, President, Vancouver District Student Council (VDSC), and G. Ip, Committee I Representative, Vancouver District Student Council, presented a proposal for a global initiative entitled “Run for Kicks”. The goal of the project is to help create peace in Afghanistan through sport by raising money to provide sporting equipment to the youth of Afghanistan. The VDSC will work with Boomers Legacy to distribute the funds. It was suggested the VDSC also consider working with Right to Play to distribute the funds.

To raise the money the VDSC is planning a student relay beginning at King George Secondary and winding its way to Churchill Secondary culminating in a celebration. The top five students from each school who have raised the most funds through pledges will, along with supervisors, run with a symbolic “torch” on 2010 January 29. The minimum funds raised to participate in the run will be $50.00. Students who have received pledges under $50.00 will participate in the send off at each school.

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Vancouver Board of Education Trustees endorse, in principle, the Vancouver District Student Council Global Initiative “Run for Kicks”.

2. Communications Plan Update

D. Weir, Communications Manager provided the Committee with an update on the Communications Plan initiatives. These include the Vancouver Board of Education Retirement Dinner, H1N1, launch of the district website, website training, Neighbourhood Centres of Learning and Development, advocacy, media inquiries and the Ready Reference.

The following comments were made:

- information was requested on the hits to the website and various pages;
- include streaming video on the website;
- inclusion of the District Parent Advisory Council on the website, in particular the video Parents are Teachers, Too!; and
- review of the Ready Reference should consider its sustainability and layout.

This item was received for information.

3. Decorum for Standing Committee Meetings

Trustee Lombardi reviewed the decorum for Standing Committee meetings. Comments to be made through the Chair of the Committee, members are encouraged to engage in civil debate, comments on reports to be directed at the content in the report not the author, use of appropriate language during discussions and the need to differentiate from the content being discussed and the individual making the comment.

This item was received for information.
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4. **Technology**

G. Little, Associate Superintendent – South Area provided a brief update on the British Columbia Enterprise Student Information System (BCeSIS). This included an update on training, the user agreement, creation of a user manual, real time benefits of the student photo system, and improved data processing. There continues to be an issue with the transfer of students from one district to another with respect to designations. The users continue to discuss this with BCeSIS.

G. Little expressed his appreciation to the BCeSIS Project Team and the User Committees.

V. Overgaard, Associate Superintendent – Learning Services provided a brief update on cyber bullying initiatives in the district. This included an update on the survey conducted in five district schools by Simon Fraser University, the resource guide for administrators and counsellors, the video, for use in elementary schools, prepared by Killarney Secondary drama students, and the requests by Parent Advisory Councils to speak to parents on cyber bullying.

She will work with the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) to distribute these resources to parents.

This item was received for information.

5. **Olympic Transportation Committee Update**

G. Little provided a brief update from the Olympic Transportation Committee. The Committee’s mandate is to assist employees and students to arrive in a safe and timely way to schools and non school work sites and to develop green strategies beyond the Olympic Games.

A letter has been forwarded to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) and the City of Vancouver requesting funds to assist with a proposed district Park and Ride Program. The newsletter will be distributed in early December and will provide employees with information on links to various websites which will assist individuals with transportation planning during the Olympic Games as well as encouraging alternate forms of transportation. The Human Resources division is working on supporting reduced trips to closer work sites for certain itinerate employee groups. The Committee will seek input from the Vancouver District Student Council regarding transportation during the Olympic Games.

This item was received for information.

6. **2010 Foundation Skills Assessment Update**

L. Anderson, Interim Superintendent of Schools, advised the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) cycle will commence on 2010 January 18 and conclude on 2010 February 26. Consideration will be given to distributing a letter to parents and use of the website to keep parents and the school community informed.

The District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) will discuss the FSA at their next Executive Committee meeting and advise the Board of DPAC’s position and support for the letter to parents.

This item was received for information.
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7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Monday, 2010 January 25 at 17:30 hours.

Mike Lombardi, Chairperson

Committee I Members Present: Patti Bacchus, Al Blakey, Jane Bouey, Sharon Gregson, Allan Wong

Other Trustees Present: Ken Clement, Ken Denike, Carol Gibson

District Management Present: Laurie Anderson, Brenda Ng, John Crowe, Lynn Green, Sonia Hutson, Gary Little, Val Overgaard

Association Representatives Present: Anne Guthrie-Warman, VSTA
Chris Harris, VESTA
Greg Mar, VASSA
Vicki McCarthy, VEPVPA
Julianne Doctor, DPAC
Gerry Ip, VDSC