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MOTION THAT the Board Chair write to the Minister of Education expressing concern over the awkward timing and lack of consultation regarding this change; also suggesting that an audit be carried out in all school districts to evaluate the accuracy of their data.

Carried

- Trustee Stevenson asked the Superintendent if there could be involvement on this issue by the Superintendents of Achievement. He expressed frustration that the responsibilities of Boards of Education are growing and taking away from their mandate. He also asked if there is a way to discuss with the Ministry, strategies that will allow us to do what we do best. The Chair suggested taking the issue through the BCSTA AGM. Trustee Booth said she felt it was a broader issue, which could be brought to the attention of the MLAs at the meeting next week. Trustee Winfield recommended taking a motion regarding funding recalculation to the BCSTA AGM as other school districts would appreciate having a Metro motion.

BICS Community Connections

The Finance & Facilities Committee forwarded a recommendation to the Board as follows:

Whereas the Community Connections Steering Committee is nearing completion of Phase 2 for the Community Connections program, and

Whereas the Community Connections Steering Committee is required to apply for Phase 3 of the Community Connections program by December 31, 2007, and

Whereas the Community Connections Steering Committee and the Civic Facilities Working Group have worked together to identify a project for Phase 3 of the Community Connections Program:

That the West Vancouver Board of Trustees approve that:

- a. The West Vancouver School District enter into Phase 3 of the School Community Connections program with the Bowen Island Municipality to build a 12,000 square foot all-weather practice field on school property with the agreement that an "Outdoor learning" space be included in the first phase of Civic Facilities on Lot 2. This recommendation will be subject to the design and cost analysis of the "Outdoor Learning" space, guaranteed funding from the School Community Connections Program of one quarter of the all-weather field project cost (up to \$125,000), and support from the Bowen Island Municipality. This is contingent on the Municipality agreeing to move \$375,000 from the Community Parks Reserve and the Recreation and other Community Use Reserve to the 2008 budget for the construction of the Community Connections Phase 3 project of an all-weather practice field.

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MOTION THAT the above recommendation from the Finance & Facilities Committee regarding BICS Community Connections be approved.

Carried

Playground Deadline

Trustee Dekker reported that the Eagle Harbour School community had raised \$26,000 towards an upgrade of its playground.

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MOTION THAT the Eagle Harbour Elementary School playground application be approved.