




# Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of October 6, 2015

Learning for a Lifetime

Serving the communities of Anmore, Belcarra, Coquitlam, Port Coquitlam and Port Moody

1. Two senior **Pinetree Secondary students**, Allen Wu (17), and Annan Lisong (16), set out on a summer adventure to visit Ontario universities, pedaling over 5,600km from Coquitlam to NYC in just 56 days.
2. Former *Terry Fox Secondary School student* and 2012 Olympic bronze medal gymnast, Brittany Rogers (22), has been officially named to Canada's World championship team.
3. To mark the **11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Confucius Institute**, celebrations took place at Winslow Centre on September 26 and was attended by many special guests including local MLA Linda Reimer, SD43 Board Vice-Chair Kerri Palmer Isaak, Trustee Chuck Denison, Trustee Barb Hobson, Coquitlam City Councillors Terry O'Neill, Chris Wilson, Bonita Zarrillo, and Consul Yu and Consul Du of the Consulate General of the Peoples' Republic of China in Vancouver.
4. **The SD43 Student Leadership Council** held its first general meeting of the year on September 29 with opening remarks from Superintendent Patricia Gartland. They're ready for the upcoming year with a new logo, brochure, social media presence and updated website.
5. This year marks the **35th anniversary of the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope**. Many SD43 schools participated in the **Terry Fox National School Run** on Wednesday, September 30. Terry Fox Secondary was one of the first schools in the district to complete the event on September 24 with over 1,400 teacher and student participants.
6. The Minister of Education, Mike Bernier and B.C. Teachers' Federation president, Jim Iker recently announced **\$1 million in funding new curriculum training for educators**.
7. **The District-Wide Revised Curriculum and Communicating Student Learning Sessions** took place on September 30 at Winslow Centre, where administrators and teacher-leaders from all three school levels listened to speakers from the Ministry of Education and Surrey School District during their first engagement with the new curriculum.
8. **School District 43 (Coquitlam) is pleased to announce** that we have awarded the contract to begin construction on a new building for Moody Middle School, in Port Moody. Construction is planned to begin soon to bring the school up to seismic standards.
9. **National Student Vote Week (October 13-16, 2015)** is a parallel election for students under the voting age, coinciding with the federal election (October 19). 43 schools in the District have registered for #studentvote15.
10. SD43 teachers, Mr. Elaan Bauder of Kwayhquitlum Middle School and Mr. Mike Tyldesley of Pinetree Secondary School, will participate in the **BC Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy** in Victoria, October 20-24.