



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the January 31, 2012
School Board Meeting*

Our Mission:
*To ensure quality
learning opportunities for
all students of all ages.*

Melissa Hyndes
Board Chair

Judy Shirra
Board Vice-Chair

Gail Alty
Holly Butterfield
John J. Keryluk
Brian Robinson
Diane Sowden
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Tom Grant
Superintendent of Schools

Rick Humphreys
Secretary-Treasurer

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted a number of events and initiatives around the district:

- Completion of provincial exams and the start of a new secondary school semester
- Thanks to management staff for registering students for the provincial exams and to administrators for invigilating and marking them
- Central Elementary hosted a Ready, Set, Learn session in early January
- Thanks to 7 of our middle schools for participating in the Pan-Canadian Assessment Program in 2010, with a focus on math
- Feb. 29th marks the 4th annual “Bullying Stops Here Pink Shirt Day”
- The Enchantment Project fundraiser raised more than \$6,200, ensuring that every grad in our district who wants to participate in their grad event can do so
- Canadian Architect Magazine has featured the design of the yet to be built new middle school in Anmore
- Kudos to District Technology Manager Brian Kuhn, who is one of the keynote speakers scheduled for an SFU Technology Conference on February 9th

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce presented the 2010-11 Community LINK Report. The report shows that the number of vulnerable children in our school district is increasing. The Board moved that a letter be sent to the Minister outlining the inequities of the funding formula for our district vs. other Lower Mainland municipalities.

The Board reviewed two new Administrative Procedures – AP 426 Working Alone, and AP 230 – Academies of Learning, and received revisions to AP 240 – Charges for Course Fees/Activities/Materials.

Energy Manager Dave Sands and Technology Manager Brian Kuhn provided an update on the District’s Print Strategy, aimed at curbing reliance on printed materials.

Trustees signed up for their attendance at the various Commencement Ceremonies in June.

Stephen Whiffin, District Principal COL (Coquitlam Open Learning), presented a proposal for the expansion of COL services. Learning opportunities will be expanded for a blended online program called “Innovative Inquiry Hub”, or IHub, as well as expansion of other Continuing Education programs. Visit www.inquiryhub.org. The former Millside Elementary will be used as a location for the programs.

BCSTA ITEMS

Chair Melissa Hyndes noted the BC School Trustees' Association New Trustee Academy Feb. 9-11, and the Provincial Council Meeting Feb. 24-25.

TRUSTEE CALENDAR PLANNING

Trustees reviewed the various meetings and events coming up over the next few weeks.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gerri Wallis attended the Community Networking Event Jan. 11, the Coquitlam Foundation Meeting and the Awards Night and Gala, the Reggio information session, a memorial service for former employee Bob Hodge and along with Trustees Judy Shirra and Diane Sowden, the DPAC meeting.

Trustee Diane Sowden made note of the enhanced DPAC website, and her attendance at the Centennial NLC (Neighbourhood Learning Centre) presentation by Carey Chute.



Mark Your Calendar!

Regular Board Meeting

(Opportunity for Budget Presentations by pre-arrangement)

Tues., Feb. 21, 2012

7:30 pm

Board Office Board Room

550 Poirier St.

Coquitlam BC

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