

School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the April 26, 2005
School Board Meeting*

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

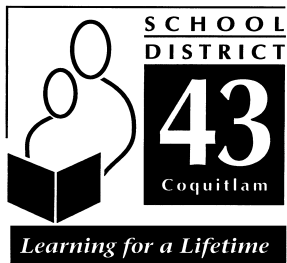
Melissa Hyndes
Board Chair

Gail Alty
Board Vice-Chair

Holly Butterfield
Debra Burton
John J. Keryluk
Brian Robinson
Julie Rogers
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Laureen Doerksen
Superintendent of Schools

Lorcan O'Melinn
Secretary-Treasurer



DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen provided an abbreviated report of some activities in the district, noting:

- The Encompass Conference drew more than 1170 teachers from throughout BC, well over the targeted number
- More than 2,000 grade 4 and 5 students took part in the Annual Como Lake Relays, under sunny skies and warm temperatures
- The Coquitlam Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association held its Fourth Annual Cancer Fundraiser Run on Sunday, April 24th
- The Board has launched the Employee Long Service Recognition Program. Originally tentatively scheduled for May 18, the inaugural ceremony will now occur in early October
- The official opening ceremony for the new community sports field at Dr. Charles Best Secondary is scheduled for Apr. 27th
- Letters will be going home to parents and guardians of students at IOCO School, which will be closed at the end of this school year. Students will relocate to two smaller programs, to be housed at Gleneagle and Dr. Charles Best Secondary Schools

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2005/06 Budget

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Senior Leadership Team recommendations as amended by Budget Option #3, which included reallocation of \$760,000 to libraries, schools with vulnerable students and Special Education. The first surplus budget in a number of years will fund various expenditures centred on the four district goal areas of literacy, numeracy, graduation support, and safety/sense of belonging.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Julie Rogers requested that the topic of International Education be placed on the next regular meeting agenda.

BCSTA ITEMS

Julie Rogers made note of a BC School Trustees' Association document, which provided information leading up to the provincial election.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Julie Rogers reported on her attendance at an ESL Consortium meeting, the last DPAC meeting, the Coquitlam Foundation meeting (the Foundation recently provided funding to four more schools for supplies in their emergency preparedness programs), the French Advisory meeting and a literacy meeting at the Coquitlam Library.

Trustee Gerri Wallis reported on her attendance at the recent Montessori meeting.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Special Public Budget Meeting
will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2005
6:30 p.m.
School Board Office

The next regular Board
Meeting will be
Tuesday, May 24, 2005
7:30 p.m.
School Board Office

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