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

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*School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)*

# *The Board Update*

*News from the December 5, 2006  
School Board Meeting*

## **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Coquitlam Teachers' Association representative Chris King outlined plans for this year's ENCOMPASS conference to be held at Heritage Woods Secondary in April. This year's theme again focuses on social responsibility.

Ralph Banni, Chair of the Port Coquitlam "I Love my City" Student Essay Contest, introduced winners of the various categories, who read their winning entries.

## **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen reported on a number of activities and initiatives underway in the schools including:

- Christmas activities
- Report card period
- Staff contributions of \$53,500 to this year's United Way Campaign
- Several schools are participating in the Think About Me anti-drinking and driving campaign
- The district will take part in the provincial Learning in Action Showcase as part of the BCSTA Academy. It will highlight its work around Learning Teams, of which there are 101 this year
- Site preparation has begun on Cape Horn Elementary School's new adventure playground, made possible by the hard work of the Cape Horn PAC, with sponsorship from the school district, the City of Coquitlam and Habitat Systems Incorporated.
- The Port Coquitlam Costco was acknowledged for its donation of 300 backpacks filled with school supplies to the Aboriginal Education department for students in need
- The district will host a School Planning Council Webcast Dec. 6
- Gleneagle Secondary held its official opening of the ACE-IT Hairdressing Program

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn noted that Heritage Woods Secondary School has been awarded silver status by the U.S. Green Building Council, for its energy efficiency.

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

Maureen Dockendorf, Director of Curriculum/Staff Development, distributed copies of the completed District Performance Plan following final approval by the board.

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce provided an overview of the School District Report on Safe Schools.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Subsequent to the board approving the 2007 Capital Plan at the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006 board meeting, the Ministry had directed school districts to separate seismic projects from replacement, renovation and other capital projects. Mark Dale, Director of Facilities Services, provided information on the key proposed changes.

The board requested a follow-up to its motion of December 7<sup>th</sup> requesting disclosure by BCPSEA of legal costs and disbursements per arbitration. That information is not yet available.

## NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Lauren Doerksen reported on the status of course fees following a Supreme Court ruling disallowing some fees previously charged. Her report defined permissible and non-permissible fees, to take effect in the new year. Options will continue to be explored as there will be significant implications. The board moved to send a letter to the Education Minister outlining its concerns.

The 2007/08 budget process was outlined by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Trustees reviewed their representation on various committees.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

A motion will be brought forward to the January 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting regarding maintaining a policy rather than an administrative procedure for the disposal of real property.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Holly Butterfield enjoyed speaking to a class of grade 3 students at Anmore Elementary about the role of school board trustees.

## ELECTIONS FOR 2007

Melissa Hyndes was acclaimed as Board Chair for 2007. Trustee Gail Alty was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.



### Mark Your Calendar!

**Next Regular  
Board Meeting**  
School Board Office  
Tuesday, January 16, 2006  
7:30 p.m.

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