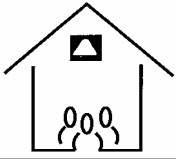


School District 43 (Coquitlam)



The Board Update

*News from the Board
meeting of*

Tuesday,

February 18, 2003

All

ABOARD!

Trustees

Holly Butterfield
Chair

Brian Robinson
Vice-Chair

Gail Alty
Debra Burton
Melissa Hyndes
John J. Keryluk
Julie Rogers
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Administration

Laureen Doerksen
Superintendent of Schools

Lorcan O'Melinn
Secretary-Treasurer

Presentations

Burquitlam Elementary—Criteria for Leasing

Dave Irving and Dr. Ray Jennings asked board to consider various issues regarding the leasing of Burquitlam Elementary. They asked the district to give consideration to private institutions (James Cameron—Private School) and/or municipal use, for example (Recreation Centre) for use by children and adults of their community.

School District Business Company Presentations

Brad West, grade 12 student at Riverside Secondary, expressed concerns on behalf of students at his school regarding establishing a business company. He asked for a public meeting to be held to discuss the issue.

Linda Reimer, President of DPAC, reported that their executive was disappointed that the second and third reading were delayed in forming District 43 Business Company. She indicated this company could provide a valuable asset and provide educational and financial options for our district. She urged the passing of the Bylaw for forming the School District Business Company.

Kathleen Thomson, President of CTA, asked the board to delay the formation of a business company to allow for consultation with the partner groups. She indicated many questions asked by the CTA regarding the operation of a business company have not been answered. She left the board with a series of questions to consider prior to making their final decision.

Eunice Parker, Coordinator of Council for Canadians (Coquitlam Chapter) asked the district not to consider forming a business company. She provided a number of examples of private corporations who are now running public school systems in the United States in a questionable manner.

District Staff Reports

Assistant Superintendent Gary Conley reviewed the process followed for establishing boundaries for students affected by school closures. The board approved a motion to revise the catchment areas. The new boundaries will be sent to schools in the next few weeks.

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce reviewed the revised *District Directions* as well as timelines associated with this document. The board approved the District Directions Report.

Assistant Superintendent Gary Conley presented a timeline for Heritage Mountain Secondary School and establish part of the catchment area for Heritage Mountain Secondary. The board approved a motion to accept the report.

District Staff Reports (continued)

Director of Financial Services Bob Janzen reviewed the projected year end financial position. He indicated the board will have an estimated 3.885 million dollar shortfall for 2003/04 school year. He indicated the district is still waiting for accurate information from the Ministry of Education regarding final funding allocations.

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn provided the Proposed Principles, Assumption, Criteria and Budget Process for 2003/04. The board approved a motion to accept the Proposed Principles, Assumption, Criteria and Budget Process for 2003/04 Report.

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn reviewed criteria for leasing the schools to be closed. They are:

- Maximizing revenue with financially stable and appropriate lessees.
- Addressing traffic and parking requirements of the neighbourhood.
- Other considerations will include occupancy date and zoning considerations.

The board moved approval of the criteria as presented. He indicated that Montgomery Elementary is being reserved for internal district program needs that may result from an International College possibly being located at Winslow.

Board Committee Reports

Chair of the Education Committee Gail Alty reviewed highlights of the Roots of Empathy Program. The Districts FSA Review results as well as the Riverside Secondary IT Program—Innovative Career Programs were presented at the February 11, 2003 meeting.

Trustee Keryluk presented on the School Board/City of Port Coquitlam Liaison Meeting held January 22, 2003. Issues discussed were: Terry Fox Theatre, Crossing Guards Safe Walk to School sign, community schools, Terry Fox Secondary students smoking on boulevard, school site acquisitions, joint maintenance of fields.

The board moved to receive the report of the Board Education Committee Meeting held on February 11, 2003.

Unfinished Business

Board Consideration and Approval for Second and Third Reading for Board Bylaw No. 1-2003 for Incorporation of School District Business Company

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn reported out on a number of questions and issues regarding the formation of a School District Business Company. Motion to hold second and third readings for Board Bylaw No. 1-2003 for incorporation of School District Business Company was approved. Final passage and adoption for Board Bylaw No. 1-2003 was approved.

New Business

Eligible School Site Proposal

Director of Facilities Services Bill Low and Umur Olcay, consultant, presented the district's Eligible School Site Proposal. This proposal is an annual Ministry of Education requirement that is to accompany the district's five year capital plan. Motion to accept the proposed resolution was approved.

BCSTA Items / Business

Trustee Keith Watkins reported out on the recent BCSTA meeting. Concern was expressed regarding the government's decision to send out a "notional funding allocation" attached to each school.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Julie Rogers reported out on BCPSEA.

Trustee Gail Alty reported out on the Task Force on Sexual Exploitation, DPAC general meeting, Coquitlam Foundation and Emerging Talents in support of Visual Arts students from our district.

Trustee Debra Burton asked Trustees to read her report regarding issues discussed at the Aboriginal Parent Advisory Committee meeting.

Trustee John J. Keryluk spoke highly of the public speaking contest at Ranch Park.

Trustee Keith Watkins reviewed information from the Student Service Advisory Committee meeting. One issue raised was the change in proposed legislation regarding certification for School Psychologists. The board approved a motion to support the Vancouver resolution regarding exempting School Psychologists from the new legislation. Trustee Watkins also reported out on the request by the Student Services Advisory Committee to review the Special Education Policy II-C-13.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure quality learning opportunities for all students of all ages.

Mark Your Calendar!

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 11, 2003
@ 7:30 p.m.

District Office, Board Room

Education Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2003
@ 7:00 p.m.

District Office, Board Room

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