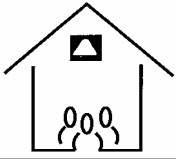


School District 43 (Coquitlam)



The Board Update

*News from the Board
meeting of
Tuesday,
January 7, 2003*

**All
ABOARD!**

Holly Butterfield

Trustees

Chair

Brian Robinson

Vice-Chair

Gail Alty

Debra Burton

Melissa Hyndes

John J. Keryluk

Julie Rogers

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

Laureen Doerksen

Superintendent of Schools

Administration

Lorcan O'Melinn

Secretary-Treasurer

District Staff Reports

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen made the following report:

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen reported to the board on the following:

1. A number of groups within our district presented to the Legislative Task Force on student safety. She expressed pride in the many programs being offered in the district to promote safety of all students in Coquitlam.
2. A public forum was held on December 4th to review the proposed graduation program. Approximately 200 attended and the district response has been submitted to the ministry.
3. Coquitlam will participate in a pilot to administer Provincial Satisfaction Surveys to students and staff in an electronic format this year. Hard copy surveys will be sent home to parents.
4. The Ministry District Review team will be present in the district from March 24th to March 28th. They will be reviewing all aspects of student achievement including the districts' performance plan and school improvement plans.
5. The district is participating in the Fraser Region of Children & Family Services Core Review which is being conducted over the next three months. Mr. Bob McGill will represent the district on this committee.
6. Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce presented the process for the *Directions 2003* document and timeline.

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn made the following report:

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn reported that we will receive a supplementary grant of \$35.00 per pupil due to the province wide decline in student enrolments. A 2002/03 year end fiscal projection will be presented at the January 28th meeting. The Ministry will be phasing out the buffer grant which will bring relief of \$700,000 in the 2003-04 school year and a further \$700,000 in the 2004-05 school year.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the District will not be proceeding with a travel program that was suggested as a revenue generation initiative for the current fiscal year.

Unfinished Business

Student Placement Policy II-C-11, School Boundaries/Catchments Policy II-B-35, Address of Students Attending Daycare Policy II-B-37

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce presented the Student Placement Policy, School Boundaries Catchments Policy for board approval. They both were approved and will be in effect for the 2003-04 school year. The board rescinded Policy II-B-37 (School Boundaries/Catchments Policy) as it is not consistent with new legislation.

Unfinished Business (continued)

School Consolidation Report

Assistant Superintendent Gary Conley presented the School Consolidation Report. The School Consolidation Report recommends the closure of three schools in the district: Burquitlam Elementary, Cedarbrook Elementary and Montgomery Elementary and further recommends a review of the other schools identified with a report to be submitted to the board no later than 2007. The board will discuss these recommendations at a special meeting on January

Board Committee Reports

Trustee Holly Butterfield, Chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, reported that items discussed at the last meeting were:

- Eligible School Site Proposal
- 2002/03 Financial Update
- 2004/05 Financial Projection Clarification
- Revenue Generation Initiatives.

New Business

1. The Board moved approval of an amendment to the Five-Year Capital Plan.
2. Board considered and approved Property By-law No. 2003-1 for removal of a legal notation.
3. Trustee Keith Watkins was appointed as School Board representative to the Port Moody Parks & Recreation Commission.
4. Trustee Gail Alty was elected as representative to the Coquitlam Foundation.
5. Trustee Representation on Committees and School Liaison Assignments are available on our web site at www.sd43.bc.ca.

Notices of Motion

School Planning Council—Draft Policy 1-A-3

Notice of motion was served that Draft Policy 1-A-3 (School Planning Council) be placed on the January 28/03 Regular Meeting Agenda.

BCSTA Items / Business

- Chair Holly Butterfield is to attend the Provincial Council Meeting.
- Trustee Alty put forward a motion to provide funding to cover the costs of the last Teachers' agreement and the increased costs of utilities, MSP and WCB which will be taken to the Provincial Council
- Trustee Butterfield will put forward the motion that the BCSTA lobby to obtain tax exemptions for all teaching staff, for supplies purchased for their classroom resources, where applicable.

Next Regular Board Meeting January 28, 2003 @ 7:30

District Office, Board Room