



Our Mission:
*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 January 11, 2005
School Board Meeting*

PRESENTATION

Gleneagle Secondary teacher Jim Burton introduced three students – Tia Rambaran, Erik Rasmussen and Scott Webster – who shared some music they had created in their classes of Music Composition and digital recording. Mr. Burton gave a brief explanation of the class, and the rising importance of this form of music composition.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen commended various school responses to the call for international aid in the wake of the tsunami disaster in southeast Asia. She noted a number of fundraising activities underway including coin drives, bake sales, school challenges and a number of other efforts, largely carried out by students.

In other items of note:

- The district and SUCCESS will host an information session for new Canadians Thursday, January 20th at Charles Best Secondary
- The Coquitlam Secondary Art Teachers' Association is hosting the 8th Annual Emerging Talent Exhibition. Designed to provide an opportunity for exceptional graduating visual arts students to be involved in a juried show at a public gallery, the projects will be available for viewing at the Evergreen Cultural Centre from January 13th – February 20th
- Hampton Park Elementary is hosting 10 students aged 8-11 from its sister school "Yoo Seok". A full itinerary is planned during their stay here
- Coquitlam School District will participate in its third provincial webcast. The February 16th webcast from Winslow Centre is on School Planning Councils, featuring Bruce Wellman

EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS

Director of Curriculum Maureen Dockendorf, Glen Elementary Principal Brad Aitchison and Aileen Kirkham, recently appointed Administrator of Special Projects: Early Literacy, reported on the initiatives under Welcoming Early Learners. A video presentation prepared by James McConville further illustrated the various activities that took place. [Click here](#) to view video

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board approved a draft framework for the development of the nutritional policy. The framework outlines the terms of reference, committee composition and timelines.

Following a lengthy discussion and based on input from staff, students and user groups, the board voted to retain the name of the new sports field as Charles Best Sportsfield and not name it after the late Canadian soccer star Domenic Mobilio. Following consultation with the Mobilio family, the board will work with the City of Coquitlam in establishing a plaque or memorial on the fieldhouse to recognize Mr. Mobilio's accomplishments and commitment to the game of soccer.

NEW BUSINESS

- The trustees established their representation on a number of committees
- The board approved a draft questionnaire that principals may use with their School Planning Councils as part of the 2005/06 budget process.
- In response to a letter from the CTA urging the board to seek input from all partner groups prior to the board's approval of the Strategic Plan, Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce clarified that this has always been scheduled as part of the process
- The board reviewed an executive summary prepared by the BC Public School Employees' Association of the Final Report of the Commission to Review Teacher Collective Bargaining

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Keith Watkins gave notice of motion to expand the existing board policy regarding naming of school buildings to include all other facilities on school board property.

BCSTA ITEMS

Trustee Julie Rogers sought board opinion on a motion going to vote next week.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Julie Rogers reported on her attendance at the BCSTA Academy and noted that she will attend the Healthy Schools Forum January 14.

Trustee Keith Watkins attended the memorial service for former school trustee George Porges, noting that he has left behind "an amazing legacy".



Mark Your Calendar!

The next regular Board Meeting will be
 Tuesday, February 1, 2005
 7:30 p.m.
 School Board Office

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