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

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*School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)*

# *The Board Update*

*News from the March 7, 2006  
School Board Meeting*

At the start of the meeting, on behalf of the Board of School Trustees, Chair Melissa Hyndes extended her gratitude to Dr. David Osborne for his stepping in as Acting Superintendent since last summer prior to his retirement. Dr. Osborne thanked the board for their support over the years, as well as the various partner groups.

## **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

In his last report to the board, Dr. Osborne noted several events and initiatives including:

- The upcoming District Review
- The SLC budget session
- The 2006 edition of the Public Speaking Festival
- Bramblewood Elementary, Maillard Middle and Moody Middle will participate in a study to assess the performance of Grade 4 and 8 students
- All Grade 5 students in the district will be invited to take part in the Grade 5 Active Communities Program
- The artwork of Grade 11 and 12 Gleneagle Secondary students will be on display this month at the Port Moody Public Library
- The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual District Elementary Music Jamboree will be held Wednesday, March 8 at Vanier Elementary
- Ms. Donna Crocker of the Friendship Providers in Action, which does Ministry work in the downtown eastside, accepted a cheque for \$5,000 from the Toskan Foundation, thanks to three students at Heritage Woods Secondary. Students Cameron Dunn, Brittany Campbell and Sabrina di Loreto were voted the winning entry in the Youth and Philanthropy Project, a Planning 10 initiative
- The SD43 Course Planning Tools document is now posted on the district website. This is a major milestone for the district, as it moves toward a common course calendar for the district. Dr. Osborne thanked the senior secondary administrators for their work on this, with particular mention to administrator Dave Taylor

Bob Janzen, Director of Finance, reported out on the School Planning Council budget planning session. The summaries will be posted on the district website as soon as possible.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Trustees Brian Robinson and Diane Sowden reported on the Coquitlam Liaison Meeting held February 10. Items discussed included:

- Light rail transit – deferred to later in the board meeting
- Funding for adventure playgrounds
- Graffiti – re: the availability of spray paint cans. School District No. 42 is in the process of preparing a report, so our district will consult with the Maple Ridge District
- Grade 5 Active Community Program
- Subdivision of secondary school site in North East Coquitlam
- Neighbourhood planning in the northeast sector
- Rental fees for school gyms

Trustee John Keryluk reported on the February 15 Port Coquitlam Liaison Meeting. Topics included:

- The lack of lighting and sidewalks along certain sections of the walkway to Terry Fox Secondary
- Light rail transit safety and station location concerns
- Graffiti
- Upgrades to the Minnehada playing fields
- Outdoor field maintenance issues
- Funding for adventure playgrounds (ineligibility for casino revenues)

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

Thirteen literacy support teachers are currently working with 58 elementary, middle and secondary schools in the district. A number of them were in attendance at the board meeting to provide an update on the various initiatives taking place.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Brian Robinson reported on the discussion at the recent liaison meeting regarding Light Rapid Transit.

Chair Melissa Hyndes reported on the latest Port Moody Liaison meeting where discussion centered on safety concerns around the location of the proposed LRT stations in Port Moody. Given that student safety concerns arose at all three City Liaison meetings, the board will send a letter to the three municipalities, reiterating student safety and station location concerns.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board received amendments/updates to the following Administrative Procedures:

- AP 175 – Video Surveillance
- AP 207 – Opting for Alternative Delivery, Personal Planning K-7 Career and Personal Planning 8-12
- AP 562 – Community Use of School Facilities

As part of the annual review of policies, Policies 5-7 – Role of the Board Chair, Role of the Vice Chair and Board Operations - were brought forward for review. Staff will research if a Canada Revenue Agency bulletin has addressed the issue of per diem rates and the non taxable portion of indemnities.

The Board approved a Capital Project Bylaw in the amount of \$232,300 for the working drawings for the seismic upgrade of Lincoln Elementary.

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce provided a brief update regarding the progress in planning for a Youth Matters! location. The Board requested that Youth Matters! bring forward a business case so that the Board can obtain more information

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Notice of motion has been given to review Policies 8-10, as per Board policy.

## **BCSTA ITEMS**

Chair Melissa Hyndes reported on her and trustees Robinson and Sowden's attendance at the BCSTA Provincial Council in Richmond February 23-25.



### **Mark Your Calendar!**

The next regular Board Meeting will be  
Tuesday, March 28, 2006  
7:30 p.m.  
School Board Office

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