



Our Mission:
*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 May 30, 2006
School Board Meeting*

DELEGATIONS

Constable Ray Scott of the Coquitlam RCMP and a School Liaison Officer, reported on the RCMP Youth Academy held during spring break at Cultus Lake. Nine students attended from School District No. 43 (Coquitlam). The program is designed to place selected students in an RCMP training environment as well as role-playing the realities of law enforcement. Gleneagle student Adam Shroff provided a synopsis of the experience.

Trustee Presentation

Trustee John J. Keryluk was presented a certificate from the BC School Trustees' Association, marking six years of trustee service.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

In her report, Superintendent Laureen Doerksen noted the elementary school track meets; the Learning Team celebration; another successful year of the Building Leadership Capacity initiative; two winners of the BC School Superintendents' Association Technology awards – Nikolas Stimpson of Minnehada (grade 6-7 division) and Sara Drezler of Pinetree Secondary; congratulations to the Bramblewood Champs, global champions of the Reading Link finals; the posting of the Ministry's review of our district, and results of the Special Education audit.

Assistant Superintendent Dan Derpak outlined various new career programs and initiatives, including a new Hairdressing program at Gleneagle Secondary.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn provided an update on the 2005/06 fiscal year-end forecast.

Director of Facilities Mark Dale outlined the Ministry's Project Procurement Process with respect to the Glen Elementary replacement project and seismic upgrades at Westwood Elementary and Pleasantside Elementary. The project agreements will now be forwarded to the Ministry.

EDUCATION REPORT

Margaret-Mary Deck, Coordinator of the Aboriginal Education Department, provided an update on the development of the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement. The process so far has involved numerous presentations and opportunities for feedback from various partner groups. It is anticipated to be completed by the Fall of 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board approved four amendments to Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Matters.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce and Bob Janzen, Director of Finance, provided an update on the development of the Nutrition Administrative Procedure. Partner groups are currently providing feedback.

Rob Carson, Director of Human Resources, updated the Board on the initial implications of Bill 33 - legislation on class size and composition. Staffing reports have been provided by the schools and district staff will continue to assess the implications. Of particular concern is the stipulation of three students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) per class.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee John Keryluk reported on his attendance at the Riverside Secondary Commencement ceremony and noted the students' standing ovation for their principal, Chris Kennedy.

Chair Melissa Hyndes noted that TransLink developers have requested a meeting with principals whose schools are in the vicinity of the proposed Evergreen Line. She also provided a synopsis of her attendance at the Canadian School Board Association's annual conference held in Montreal.



Mark Your Calendar!

The next regular Board Meeting will be
Tuesday, June 20, 2006
7:30 p.m.
School Board Office

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