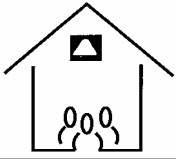


School District 43 (Coquitlam)



The Board Update

*News from the Board
meeting of
Tuesday,
November 12, 2002*

**All
ABOARD!**

Trustees

Barb Hobson
Chair

Holly Butterfield
Vice-Chair

Gail Alty
John J. Keryluk
Brian Robinson
Judy Shirra
Barry Tyldesley
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Administration

Laureen Doerksen
Superintendent of Schools

Lorcan O'Melinn
Secretary-Treasurer

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Presentations

Presentation to Board Chair, Barb Hobson

Holly Butterfield, the Vice Chair, presented a bouquet of flowers to the Board Chair, Barb Hobson, in acknowledgement of her valued service as the Chair, Board of School Trustees, for the past three consecutive years.

Presentation to Retiring Trustee, Barry Tyldesley

Barb Hobson, Chair, thanked Trustee Barry Tyldesley for his valuable service to the Board of School Trustees over the past nine years. She profiled his many contributions to the community and recognized his service on a number of district committees. He was wished a very happy and fulfilling retirement.

Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu Chi Foundation Canada

The Board thanked Tzu Chi Foundation for the funding they have provided for needy students to attend spring and summer camps and programs. They have contributed \$15,000 each year for the past three years.

Family Resource Centre

Courtney Camley, Learning Disabilities Association Information Officer, and Rachel leNobel, Parent Support Worker for the Simon Fraser Society for Community Living, presented an update of the past year's activities and service provided at the Family Resource Centre.

District Staff Reports

District Performance Plan

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce and District Principal Donna Greenstreet reviewed the process followed by the district in developing the District Performance Plan which is also known as the Accountability Contract. The four district goals were discussed, specifically in regard to targets and strategies to be followed in working towards these goals.

The Board approved the District Performance Plan.

News Awards

Gleneagle Secondary and Riverside Secondary have been awarded the North American School News Media Award. This is an extremely prestigious award that covers all schools in Canada and United States.

New Business

Student Placement Policy / Address of Students Attending Daycare

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce asked that the board receive the new Student Placement Policy and requested a notice of motion for approval of the policies in a subsequent board meeting in the new year.

School Boundaries / Catchments

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce asked that the board receive the new School Boundaries/Catchment Policy and requested a notice of motion for approval of the policy in a subsequent board meeting in the new year.

BCPSEA Arbitration

The Board approved the following motion:

"THAT the Board Of School Trustees for School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) inform BCPSEA that they are opposed to their continuation of the Arbitration: BCTF Interference with Management Rights and demand their immediate withdrawal of that arbitration; AND THAT, if BCPSEA does not withdraw the arbitration, the Coquitlam School Board will seek Intervener Status to oppose the arbitration, on the grounds that at no time has BCPSEA sought the advice or opinion on this matter and that they have violated their duty to represent them."

BCSTA Items / Business

Next learning academy "The Essential Academy" is being held December 5—8 for new Trustees.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Wallis reported on the Montessori Annual General Meeting. New board of Directors has been elected. Iva Harris has been elected president of the Montessori Society. The Society has taken important steps in fund raising and is very proud to have been able to open a new program at Aspenwood Elementary School.

The Board approved the following motion:

"THAT we ask BCPSEA to lobby to obtain tax exemptions for Teachers on all supplies purchased by Teachers, where applicable."

Safe School Task Force

Task Force on Safe Schools will be visiting our district on December 4th. The public can make presentation verbally and/or written, at Winslow Centre on December 4th between 2:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Inaugural Board Meeting December 3, 2002 @7:30 P.M.

Winslow Center, Gallery Room