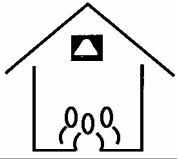


School District 43 (Coquitlam)



The Board Update

*News from the Board
meeting of
Tuesday,
October 22, 2002*

**All
ABOARD!**

Barb Hobson

Trustees

Chair

Holly Butterfield

Vice-Chair

Gail Alty

John J. Keryluk

Brian Robinson

Judy Shirra

Barry Tyldesley

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

Laureen Doerksen

Superintendent of Schools

Administration

Lorcan O'Melinn

Secretary-Treasurer

District Staff Reports

Class Size Enrolment Report

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen asked Director of Human Resources, Rob Carson, to report on class size enrolment as required by Ministry of Education legislation. Mr. Carson reported that school district class size averages this year as required by B.C. Regulation 245/02, the Class Size Average Regulation, are an average of 18 students at kindergarten, 21 students at grades 1 to 3, and 26 students at grades 4 to 12.

Kindergarten classes do not exceed twenty-two students and grades one to three classes do not exceed twenty-four.

The average of class sizes as an aggregate outlined in legislation is not to exceed: 19 students at kindergarten, 21 pupils in grades one - three, and 30 students in grades four to twelve.

Provincial Exam and Scholarship Report

Superintendent Doerksen introduced Assistant Superintendent Gary Conley, who reported on provincial exam and scholarship results for the 2001-2002 school year. A total of 2342 students earned a Dogwood Certificate by June 30th of the 2001-2002 school year.

Students in the district attained an average percent score that was higher than the province on eight out of fifteen examinations. District results were the same on five and lower on two.

Our students won 323 scholarships last year. Thirty students attained or tied for the top scholarship marks in the province between August 2001 and June 2002.

Superintendent Doerksen announced that Board meeting times, locations, agendas and minutes are now posted on our website.

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn outlined proposed revenue generation initiatives that are currently being explored for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. They include: audiology clinic revenues, food service revenues, facilities rental revenues and summer weekend language course revenues.

The Secretary-Treasurer said that expansion and enhancement of the International Education Program for the school district will result in the greatest amount of revenue. He added that revenue options will be included in the 2003-2004 budget process and that the 2003-2004 budget must be finalized by the end of April 2003.

Bus Transportation

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn introduced Director of Purchasing Services Dex Hallwood who reported on bus transportation in the school district. As of June 2002, the school district hires twenty school buses at a cost of \$1 million. Taxi services cost

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the district \$260,000. School district walk limits are more lenient than Ministry walk limits.

In response to the presentation at the October 1, 2002 Board Meeting by Kerry van Aswegan, parent of a student attending Minnehada Middle School, the Board asked staff to provide a transportation report in January 2003.

Montgomery Field Lighting

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn reported that field lights were installed in mid-August with light shields added in mid-September. However, lighting levels do not meet practice standards.

The City of Coquitlam has engaged a professional lighting engineer who will visit the Montgomery fields to determine electrical service capacity, lighting controls, and cost estimates relating to any upgrades so that lighting levels are increased for soccer practices.

The Coquitlam City Soccer Association, the city, and the school district will review the report which is anticipated to be completed next week.

Board Committee Reports

Trustee Barry Tyldesley, Chair of the Board Finance and Facilities Committee, reported that items discussed at the last meeting were:

- Transportation
- Teacher increment tracking
- Budget update, and
- Eligible School Site Proposal and School Site Acquisition Charge legislation and issues.

New Business

School Planning Councils

Assistant Superintendent Bob McGill, accompanied by Assistant Superintended David Osborne, presented the proposed draft Board policy regarding the newly legislated School Planning Councils. The draft policy was formulated by a partner committee comprised of parents, teachers, principals, and district staff. The committee attended a provincial symposium that provided a great deal of information regarding interpretation of legislation. As part of the policy procedure process, the draft will be sent to partner groups for input. The Board passed a motion to receive the draft policy.

International Education Program—Expansion and Revenue Generation

District Principal Patricia Gartland gave an overview of the development of the school district's International Education Program since it was approved by the Board in May of 1999. During the past four years, interest from around the world in acquiring an education in School District No. 43 has increased tremendously. The program raised funds of \$8,000,000 last year and is expected to generate \$9,000,000 this year. The Board approved the motion to support the expansion of the International Education Program to establish an international college and the incorporation of a business company for offshore educational opportunities. The funds generated by these programs help the school district to maintain levels of programs and services despite Ministry of Education budget cuts.

BCSTA Items / Business

Trustee Holly Butterfield reported on the Provincial Council Meeting that she and Trustee Brian Robinson attended.

Trustee Reports

Trustees applauded Shaw employees who keep a watchful eye on "trick-or-treaters" on Hallowe'en night.

The Board will write a letter to Vancouver Trustee Ken Denike asking him to clarify his comments about teacher supervision of extra-curricular activities quoted in The Vancouver Sun newspaper article on October 15, 2002.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 2002 @
7:30 p.m.
District Office, Board Room

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Board Update, contact:

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Happy Hallowe'en