



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

News from the October 10, 2006
School Board Meeting

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

Melissa Hyndes
Board Chair

Gail Alty
Board Vice-Chair

Holly Butterfield
Debra Burton
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Brian Robinson
Diane Sowden
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Laureen Doerksen
Superintendent of Schools

Lorcan O'Melinn
Secretary-Treasurer



DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Students Anjali Appadurai of Gleneagle Secondary and Stephen Boles of Pinetree Secondary spoke about their involvement in the recent visit of the Dalai Lama. Both served as student emcees at the event and were involved in the student dialogue.

Douglas Mazur, spokesperson for Citizens for Appropriate Evergreen Transit, presented a position paper on the organization's opposition to street cars.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen reported on a number of activities:

- Open houses and meet the teacher nights
- Terry Fox fund-raising events
- Thanksgiving and upcoming Halloween activities
- The annual UNICEF campaign door-to-door collections have been discontinued, and schools will explore alternative fund-raising activities
- The annual Lights On for Halloween initiative
- More than 400 educators attended the new report card information session
- Teacher Greg Miyanaga was a recent recipient of the Governor General's Award and traveled to Ottawa to accept the honour
- Moody Middle has adopted a new logo and name – "MIGHTY Moody" (Motivated, Independent, Gracious, Healthy and Safe, Team player and You Make a Difference)
- Vanier Elementary has begun a year-long focus on writing
- Mountain Meadows Elementary kicked off a Code of Conduct awareness campaign with a "bee" theme
- Lincoln Elementary will host four days of recognizing First Nations Culture October 15-19
- Work Experience students will help out at the upcoming Chocolate Festival, while five tourism/event planning students from Heritage Woods will continue their volunteer work with the festival organizers in the new year preparing for next year's event.

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn reported that the Ministry has asked various school districts to review 50 major capital projects. In our district, the Burke Mountain, Centennial Secondary and the Glen Elementary projects will be reviewed.

The district has been informed by the Ministry that it will withhold some two-thirds of the annual Facilities Grant funding until the capital project review is done. The Board will send a letter to the Ministry, objecting to the withholding of these funds.

EDUCATION REPORT

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce reviewed a summary of the 2006/07 School Improvement Plan Goals, which the Board approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

At the September 19th board meeting, the Port Moody Arts Centre presented to the Board. Superintendent Doerksen advised that the district's Curriculum department will contact the Arts Centre to explore how the district can work with the Centre to align opportunities in the arts.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board passed the 2007 Eligible School Sites resolution.

Mark Dale, Director of Facilities Services, outlined the proposed Annual Capital Plan that identifies the high priority projects proposed for 2009/10 and the following two years. The Board approved the proposed Capital Plan.

Superintendent Doerksen will lead a district review of the district's course fees, in light of a recent Supreme Court ruling that impacts virtually all school districts.

The Board discussed and approved a proposed change to Policy 7 – Board Operations, regarding response to delegations.

The Board received amendments to an Administrative Procedure and a new Administrative Procedure regarding CUPE staff.

BCSTA ITEMS

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes listed a number of resolutions that will be brought forward to the Provincial Council on October 20th.

**Mark Your Calendar!****Regular Board Meeting**

School Board Office
 Tuesday, Oct.24, 2006
 7:30 p.m.

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