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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 September 13, 2005  
School Board Meeting*

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Acting Superintendent David Osborne reported on a number of events and initiatives taking place in the school district:

- Bendina Miller, Superintendent of Schools for School District #6 – Rocky Mountain – will chair our District Review the week of February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Most of our schools will be taking part in a simultaneous Terry Fox run Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. School District 43 schools are typically huge supporters of the annual fund-raiser, and it is anticipated that this year, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, will be outstanding
- In addition to its run, Terry Fox Secondary held a special event September 9<sup>th</sup> to kick off its campaign. Following a motivating address by former Assistant Superintendent Bob McGill, who was Terry's coach, a bronzed statue by former student Danielle Pentecost was unveiled
- Vanier Elementary School is home to an Aboriginal Kindergarten pilot program. Some 15 students from a small cluster of schools attend morning kindergarten in their neighbourhood schools and a special afternoon program at Vanier
- Mountain View and Central Elementary are pilot schools for ESL Enhancement Kindergarten classes
- The Ministry of Education will provide parents of kindergarten and grade one students booklets to help enhance their reading strategies with their children
- Board Chair Melissa Hyndes and trustees Debra Burton and Brian Robinson were in attendance for the Domenic Mobilio plaque dedication at the Charles Best sports field over the Labour Day weekend. The bronze cast plaque is affixed to the field house of the sports complex, which marks a partnership between the school district and the City of Coquitlam
- The official opening of the Aspenwood adventure playground will take place with a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m., making a partnership between School District 43, the City of Port Moody, the Aspenwood Parent Advisory Council and Park Lane Homes
- The district will host up to three of seven live, online professional growth opportunities for educators and other interested parties via webcasts. The entire series on educational innovation and improvement will be offered in SD43
- The Coquitlam RCMP, Port Moody Police and the Port Coquitlam and Coquitlam Community Police stations have extended an invitation to trustees, parents and educators to participate in a Tri-City Methamphetamine (Meth) Forum Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Coquitlam City Hall council chambers
- Information from Fraser Health regarding air quality due to the Burns Bog fire has been sent out to all schools

## **SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT**

Lorcan O'Melinn provided an update on the busing offered to Meadowbrook students – an interim safety measure until the pedestrian overpass is completed. Several students from the east side of the Lougheed are utilizing the busing option.

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Melissa Hyndes reported on her attendance at the last Board/City of Port Moody Liaison Committee meeting. The light rail transit initiative, graffiti and the IOCO school site were among the items discussed.

## EDUCATION REPORTS

Coordinators from the Curriculum and Staff Development division provided information on professional development opportunities in the school district for 2005/06, and showcased the comprehensive calendar recently distributed.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The board was provided with a draft document of Directions 2005, reaffirming Board beliefs, goals and directions.
- Louise Thorburn, Director of Continuing Education, provided a summary of Summer School 2005. Registration was up again this year with registrations totaling 2,979. This year, Summer School utilized eight schools in order to accommodate the diverse programs offered for students from kindergarten to grade 12. Registration in the elementary programs rose by 15 per cent.
- Patti Gartland, District Principal of International Education, presented the highlights of International Summer School 2005, and introduced some of the teachers and students who played key leadership roles this year. Enrolment increased to 375 students in this year's summer program, representing 1,629 week-long enrolments.



### Mark Your Calendar!

The next regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005  
7:30 p.m.  
School Board Office

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