



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

News from the April 13, 2010
School Board Meeting

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

Melissa Hyndes
Board Chair

Brian Robinson
Board Vice-Chair

Gail Alty
Holly Butterfield
John J. Keryluk
Judy Shirra
Diane Sowden
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Tom Grant
Superintendent of Schools

Rick Humphreys
Secretary-Treasurer

DELEGATONS/PRESENTATIONS

CABE teachers Shawn O'Brien and Shane Ford introduced a video produced by Mr. O'Brien that features CABE students attending Olympic events. The video won an award in a contest sponsored by VANOC.

Budget presentations were made representing the following employee and partner groups:

- Information Technology
- LA Resource/Skill Development/ESL/Students with Special Needs
- Counselors
- Youth Workers
- Teachers on call
- CUPE Clerical
- DPAC
- CUPE Local 561
- Student Leadership Council

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted the following initiatives and events:

- Orientations and parent information nights for grade 5 and grade 8 students, who are heading to middle and secondary schools next year
- Anti-Bullying Day April 14
- 167 students will be awarded Dogwood District/Authority Awards for 2009/10
- Our district scored a perfect 5/5 on the recent Industry Training Authority Audit for its 11 Ace-It programs
- Schools are encouraged to participate in the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week May 2-8, to promote safety awareness in the worksite and at home
- SD43 and SUCCESS will hosts its annual Transition workshop for Grade 5 parents April 15 at Scott Creek Middle, with translation services provided
- The CPVPA will hold its 9th annual "In Motion" Run for Cancer Research April 25 beginning at Terry Fox Secondary School
- 26 classes from 12 of our elementary schools took part in the Coquitlam NOW's Design an Ad Campaign

Secretary-Treasurer Rick Humphreys reported on a fire at Maillard Middle School and fallen trees at Heritage Woods Secondary, Central Elementary and Lord Baden Powell Elementary. Vehicle damage occurred from the fallen trees during the windstorm, but there were no injuries.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Bob Janzen provided a budget overview and responded to questions raised at the April 6 meeting. The Board moved to start the consultation process to explore the possibility of an altered Spring Break for 2010/11.

NEW BUSINESS

After extensive discussions with architects, consultants and staff, the Board moved to proceed with building the new Heritage Woods middle school on the existing baseball field at the Heritage Woods Secondary site. The Board will work with the municipalities of Anmore and Port Moody, sports associations, the school community and other interested parties to ensure high quality playing fields and outstanding educational opportunities.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE 250

A revision will be made to AP 250 – Field Trips. The ratio of supervisors to students on minimum risk field trips will change to:

- Grades 4-5 – 1:10 ratio of adults to students
- Grades 6-8 – 1:15 ratio of adults to students

The previous configuration was:

- Grades 4-8 – 1:10 ratio of adults to students

NOTICES OF MOTION

Trustee Gail Alty gave Notice of Motion for a transportation review at the next regular Board meeting May 4.

BCSTA ITEMS

A number of Trustees will attend the upcoming BC School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting in Victoria.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Chair Melissa Hyndes recapped a recent meeting with an MP, MLAs and partner group presidents. The various mayors were unable to attend due to a last minute schedule conflict.

Trustee John Keryluk reported on the Board/City of Port Coquitlam Liaison Meeting. Among the topics was pending changes to the outdoor joint use agreements.

Trustees Diane Sowden and Gerri Wallis made note of the six bursaries awarded to local students by the Coquitlam Foundation, and the Foundation's annual banquet and awards ceremony.



Mark Your Calendar!

Special Public Board Meeting (Budget)

April 20, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Winslow Centre —
Gallery Room
1100 Winslow Ave.
Coquitlam

For more information
on the Board Update
Contact:
Cheryl Quinton, Manager
of Communications
and Corporate Services
at 604-937-6775 or
cquinton@sd43.bc.ca