



**School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)**

# ***The Board Update***

*News from the April 21, 2009  
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  
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John J. Keryluk  
Judy Shirra  
Diane Sowden  
Gerri Wallis  
Keith Watkins

**Tom Grant**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**Lorcan O'Melinn**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

## **DELEGATIONS**

Deanna Jones, a member of the Heritage Mountain Middle Organizing Committee, thanked the Board of Education for its work in securing a new middle school. The Board thanked Ms. Jones and the committee in turn for their successful efforts.

## **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

Superintendent Tom Grant made note of a number of events and initiatives taking place around the district:

- Six more Strong Start Centres have been approved for our district at: Moody Elementary, Central Community School, Seaview Community School, Cedar Drive Elementary, Mary Hill Elementary and Mundy Road Elementary, bringing the total to 13
- A secondary student emergency practice release will take place on Wednesday, May 6 beginning at 1:30 p.m.
- Aspenwood Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind team won gold at a provincial tournament and now qualifies to represent BC at Iowa State University
- Mr. Grant invited trustees to view the artwork of Gleneagle Secondary students, which is hanging in the board office lobby during Arts and Culture Week and beyond
- The annual Como Lake Relays will take place April 22-23, with the District track meet to be held in late May. The Superintendent thanked the committee members involved in both events
- Scott Creek Middle teamed up with the City of Coquitlam to take part in an Earth Day tree planting event at a nearby park
- Terry Fox Secondary students will hold an African fundraising dinner May 1 to bring attention to the plight of children suffering as a result of the global food crisis
- Members of Port Moody Secondary School's Community Leadership Force recently hosted a multicultural music fest to raise funds for their project in helping the homeless
- Glen Elementary will host a send-off for their existing school May 22. The new school will be completed sometime this fall

The Board was informed that Price Waterhouse Coopers has been selected as the district's external auditors for the next three fiscal years.



## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Following Board direction, the Superintendent has written to the Minister of Education concerning the funding for Community LINK for our school district. The Minister has responded that the Ministry is conducting an internal review and that once this is completed our District will be contacted.

The Board approved the District Leadership Team final recommendations for the 2009/10 budget. The preliminary budget bylaw will now be presented at the April 28 meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a draft 2009/10 Needs Budget that includes the recommendations made by the joint presidents of the district's partner groups. This document will be forwarded to the Ministry along with the budget bylaw which will be brought to the April 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

The Board received a notice of motion to rescind a November 20, 2007 motion concerning Policy 20 - Conveyance of Students. This item will be placed for discussion on the May 19 regular meeting agenda.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Keryluk enjoyed judging a public speaking session, noting the high calibre of skill in the young students.

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Special Public Board Meeting – Budget

(Budget Bylaw Consideration)

Tuesday, April 28, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

School Board Office  
Boardroom

550 Poirier St., Coquitlam

#### Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2009  
7:30 p.m.

Winslow Centre  
(Gallery Room)

1100 Winslow Ave.

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