



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the April 1, 2008  
School Board Meeting

## **Our Mission:**

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

### **Holly Butterfield**

*Board Chair*

### **Brian Robinson**

*Board Vice-Chair*

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Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

### **Tom Grant**

*Superintendent of Schools*

### **Lorcan O'Melinn**

*Secretary-Treasurer*

## **DELEGATIONS**

Five students and their sponsor teachers from Port Moody Secondary School outlined initiatives under the Students Offering Affirmation and Reassurance (SOAR) and Dare to Care Programs – a partnership program with UBC based on self awareness, compassion, understanding and caring. This program is structured for grade 9 students, with mentorship by older students.

Ellen Van Eijnsbergen and Pamela Lambert-Barnes of the Evergreen Cultural Centre made a presentation on behalf of the Centre's Visual Arts Committee. It outlined the Education Programs and awareness regarding the decline in attendance for these programs.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

Superintendent Tom Grant made note of the following events and initiatives:

- Como Lake Relays April 16
- CPVPA's "In Motion Event for Cancer Research" April 27
- Our district has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Ministry of Education to be used for keynote speaker costs for six regional Oral Language Forums
- Congratulations to Gleneagle Secondary teacher Krista Bogen for being selected to take part in the BC Teachers' Institute on Parliamentary Democracy
- Glenayre, Pleasantside and Riverview Park Elementary Schools will take part in a School Travel Plan pilot project centering on environmentally friendly, safe ways to get to school
- Information has gone out to elementary and middle schools about the Robert Bateman "Get to Know" environmental program
- Birchland Elementary was the host school for the launch of a publicity week around BCUDL – BC's Universal Design for Learning Pilot Project, a partnership with SET-BC
- Four district elementary schools will take part in a "Mindfulness" Pilot Project involving a partnership with UBC, which will explore the importance of focus and directing energy in learning
- The district's Aboriginal Services Coordinator Margaret Mary Deck is one of the guest panelists at a community forum April 8<sup>th</sup> on Orientation and Awareness of Aboriginal Service Delivery in the Tri-Cities

## **SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Director of Finance Bob Janzen provided a follow-up on the school-based consultative budget process, which assists in making decisions regarding budget priorities. He also provided some historic budget information for trustee information.

The 2008/09 preliminary funding announcement leaves the district facing a financial shortfall estimated at between \$1.93 and \$2.5 million.

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

Sharon LeClair, Social Responsibility/Healthy Living Coordinator and Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichl, Associate Professor at UBC, highlighted several Social Responsibility projects currently taking place in many of our elementary, middle and secondary schools.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A Bylaw was approved to enable the British Columbia Christian Academy to lease the former Lincoln Elementary School site for a five-year term.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board approved revisions to two policies – Policy 12 Role of the Superintendent and Policy 21, Disposal of Real Property.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

A Notice of Motion was provided to amend Policy 16 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel. This item will be brought forward to the April 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## **BCSTA ITEMS**

Trustees noted that discussion of the motions would take place at the BCSTA Annual General Meeting.



### **Mark Your Calendar!**

**Special Public Board Meeting (Budget)**  
 Tuesday, April 15, 2008  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Winslow Centre  
 Gallery Room  
 1100 Winslow Ave.  
 Coquitlam

**Next Regular Board Meeting**  
 Tuesday, April 22, 2008  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Winslow Centre  
 Gallery Room  
 1100 Winslow Ave.  
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