



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the April 22, 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*

Gail Alty

Debra Burton

Melissa Hyndes

John J. Keryluk

Diane Sowden

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

### **Tom Grant**

*Superintendent of Schools*

### **Lorcan O'Melinn**

*Secretary-Treasurer*

## **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Twelve Apprenticeship Program students received \$1,000 scholarships, presented by Transition Education Coordinator Frank Gigliotti, Assistant Superintendent Dan Derpak and Trustee Brian Robinson. The students represented trades ranging from chef training to masonry and auto body repair.

## **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS**

Board Chair Holly Butterfield read the Board response to Pamela Lambert-Barnes and Ellen Van Eijnsbergen of Evergreen Cultural Centre who presented at the April 1 Board meeting regarding declining attendance at their programs.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

Tom Grant reported on the following events and initiatives:

- The excellent preparation for the Distributive Learning Audit
- Out district will host a visit by Superintendent of Achievement Marion Turner on June 4
- The In Motion Fun Run hosted by the CPVPA will take place Sunday, June 27
- Various teams from around the district will participate in the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Big Bike Event April 28
- A number of schools participated in the 30-hour famine, with Kwayhquitlum Middle School alone raising over \$3200
- Riverview Park Elementary acknowledged Earth Day by banning automobiles from their grounds, prompting students and their parents to walk, bike or carpool/walk to school; Leigh Elementary held a tree-planting ceremony whereby Wesbild Construction donated 13 large trees to the school; several schools will participate in community Pitch-In programs
- Centennial Automotive Apprenticeship students David Hughes and Jesse Khosrobakshi won the BC Auto Skills Competition April 12
- The International Education program has established a sister school in Vladivostok, Russia and Riverside Secondary's sister school from Florence, Italy, has been in the area on exchange for the past two weeks, following a visit by Riverside in March

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board approved more than \$2 million in budget reductions and re-allocations, to address cost pressures and initiatives to balance the 2008-09 budget. Details are available on the district website at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

## NEW BUSINESS

Capital Bylaw No. 2008-1 – Disposition of Real Property for Widening of Pipeline Road at Glen Elementary School – was passed. This is to accommodate widening of the road as a requirement for the replacement of Glen Elementary.

## BCSTA ITEMS

Trustee Melissa Hyndes was presented with flowers from the Board and congratulated on her recent election to the Board of Directors of the BC School Trustees' Association.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gerri Wallis reported on a recent Liaison Meeting with the City of Coquitlam. Items discussed included the Evergreen Line rapid transit announcement, an update on housing developments and the possible expansion of the Grade 5 and 6 *Get Active!* recreational facility pass program.

Trustee Brian Robinson recently met with the new president of UBC to discuss areas of mutual concern.



### Mark Your Calendar!

**Special Public Board Meeting (Budget Bylaw)**  
 Tuesday, April 29, 2008  
 7:00 p.m.  
 School Board Office  
 550 Poirier Street  
 Coquitlam

**Next Regular Board Meeting**  
 Tuesday, May 13, 2008  
 7:30 p.m.  
 School Board Office  
 550 Poirier Street  
 Coquitlam

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