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*To ensure quality
learning opportunities for
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School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the April 24, 2007
School Board Meeting*

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Leslie Ikeda, Teacher-Librarian at Pinetree Secondary School, provided a budget presentation on behalf of the Teacher-Librarians Association.

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

A response was provided to questions posed by Jason Thompson, a Coronation Park parent who presented at the April 3, 2007 Board meeting.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen reported on a variety of events and initiatives around the district:

- School musical and drama productions are into high gear
- Transition activities continue for those students entering middle and secondary school next year
- The third annual Encompass Conference was another big success
- Tri City News was acknowledged for its series of features on Social Responsibility in our schools, leading up the Encompass Conference
- On April 18th, our district hosted another province-wide webcast – an early literacy webcast which focused on Oral Language and Thinking
- SD43 was the host district for this year's MYABC Connections 2007 Middle School Conference, where more than 500 teachers from around the province were engaged in the theme of Teaching Hearts, Minds and Bodies
- More than 2,000 students took part in the 29th annual Como Lake Relays
- Coquitlam Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association will hosts its 6th annual In Motion Run for Cancer Research
- Two schools are celebrating milestones in the near future – Millside Elementary will celebrate its centennial, while Centennial Secondary will celebrate its 40th anniversary
- SD43 received an award from the Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver recognizing 10 years of involvement in the In-School Mentoring Program
- A number of retirement ceremonies and celebrations are coming up
- The annual Roots of Empathy celebration will be held May 17 at James Park Elementary
- The Ministry of Education's Bill 10 – the Tobacco Bill – has passed third and final reading, which will impact the district's current administrative procedure

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

A grant of \$5,000 has been approved by the Local Government Program Services for the first phase of the School-Community Connections Program. The District will be meeting with representatives from all five local governments on this program.

It was clarified by the BCSTA that school boards are not directly affected by the Trade Investment Mobility Agreement at this time. This item will be brought forward for future discussion.

EDUCATION REPORT

As required, the Superintendent reported out on classes that exceed Ministry limits. The only classes over the limit are music classes, which have been agreed to.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The 2007-08 preliminary budget was passed, with amended figures which would retain the current school busing limits. Full details are available on the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca. It will be brought forward for bylaw adoption at the regular Board meeting May 15th.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce provided for Board information, suggested changes to Administrative Procedure 495 – School Volunteers, and Administration Procedure (AP) 253 – Volunteer Drivers and the Uses of Privately Owned Vehicles. A consultative committee was established to review these APs.

The City of Coquitlam has requested a road area dedication to accommodate left-hand turn lanes at the intersection of Como Lake Avenue and Poirier St., involving dedication of a particular piece of land on the northeast corner of the Parkland Elementary School site. Trustees approved a bylaw approving the dedication.

BCSTA ITEMS

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes has been re-elected to the BC School Trustees' Association Board of Directors.

TRUSTEE CALENDAR PLANNING

The Board reviewed several events coming up including the annual Board dinner for district retirees June 7th, as well as the various commencement ceremonies.



Mark Your Calendar!

**Next Regular
Board Meeting**
School Board Office
550 Poirier St.
Coquitlam
Tuesday, May 15, 2007
7:30 p.m.

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