



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

News from the April 9, 2013
School Board Meeting

Our Mission:

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

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Superintendent of Schools

Tom Grant

Acting Secretary-Treasurer

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Students Maxine Owers and Dena Tabyanian of Port Moody Secondary presented their award-winning entries in the Poetry in Voice Recitation Contest. The two have advanced to the finals coming up in Toronto.

Jim Millar, Manager of the Port Moody Station Museum and Lawrence Ng of Imperial Oil Foundation, presented a beautifully produced book "*Tracks in Time: Port Moody's First 100 Years*", to the Board. Thanks to the Museum and the generous sponsorship of the Imperial Oil Foundation, each school library will get two editions and teachers' guides.

PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

CUPE Local 561 – Dave Ginter, President

Coquitlam Teachers' Association - Teresa Grandinetti, President

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted a number of events and initiatives:

- A grade 12 student from Charles Best Secondary won the regional competition of a prestigious science award, and yesterday competed in the national event in Ottawa. Selin Jessa placed 2nd in the National Competition and will travel to Chicago to compete in the International event in two weeks. Selin's project involved university graduate level research complexity, and dealt with identifying viral mutations in HIV-infected people.
- Sunday marked the 12th annual Coquitlam Principals/Vice-Principals' **In Motion Run for Cancer Research**. At last count, close to \$5,700 has been raised for the Canadian Cancer Society, so kudos to the organizing committee and all who participated.
- **The Bullying Games** will be presented at Terry Fox Secondary April 12 and 13. The Bullying Games is a production based on research completed in selected SD43 schools, by the Leadership Group from Terry Fox Secondary. The group went into Elementary, Middle and Secondary Schools and students were asked a series of questions on bullying. Using these real life incidents, the show looks at these bullying issues from the victims' point of view as well as the bullies.
- A Grade 11 Physics class at Riverside Secondary has become the first in Canada to pilot Samsung School – featuring interactive and digital classroom innovation. Trustees are invited to contact Principal Anthony Ciolfitto to arrange a time to see the innovation at work.
- A **public consultation** will be held Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 pm in the Moody Middle Library to gather input in the design process to rebuild Moody Middle. The district is planning to include a Neighbourhood Learning Centre in the rebuild, which brings together education and community services under a single roof.
- Grade 4 and 5 students from throughout the district are in the midst of tryouts for the annual **Como Lake Relays**, to be held Wednesday, April 17. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, as students run the 1.2 kilometre relay course.

- Several students from our various ACE-IT courses will compete in the **19th Annual Skills Canada Competition** April 17 at the Tradex in Abbotsford. More than 400 students from across Canada will compete in various categories.
- The Advanced Coronary Treatment (ACT) Foundation of Canada has again supplied funding to ensure that at least two teachers at each site are trained and all students at certain grade levels are taught CPR and AED (defibrillator) training. The \$28,000 grant also ensures instructor refresher training every three years, and supports the maintenance of AED training units and mannequins used in student training. All SD43 schools are equipped with AEDs, in a measure supported by the Board.
- The artistic talent of several of our students is highlighted at the City Centre branch of the Coquitlam Public Library. Travis Anderson's "The Coming Storm" was featured in the exhibit opening last Thursday. The Grade 12 Gleneagle Secondary student's digital painting won the People's Choice prize in Emerging Talent 16, an annual juried show.

In his capacity as Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Tom Grant noted the Premier's recent announcement of seismic mitigation projects. Work is scheduled for Minnekhada Middle in 2014, and at Montgomery Middle and Irvine Elementary in 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board adopted Capital Project Bylaw 126634 (2013-14 Annual Facility Grant Funding).

Assistant Superintendent Julie Pearce provided a report on Community LINK for the past school year, and noted that vulnerability for school district children and youth continues to rise. The Community LINK grant supports youth workers, community schools, targeted academic programs, elementary school meals and the CAFE lunch program.

The Board reviewed information on Bill 8 – an amendment to the School Act (Use of Board Property for Child Care Use Purposes). If passed, the legislation will require all Boards of Education to establish a policy promoting the use of property by licensed child care providers provided the property is not required for educational programs.

The Board reviewed the draft schedule of the 2013-14 Board meetings.

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Tom Grant and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Chris Nicolls provided the 2013-14 Preliminary Operating Budget. In addition to an estimated \$8 million over-run for the current year, the district is facing a \$12 million deficit for 2013/14.

BCSTA ITEMS

Various motions that will be brought forward at the BC School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting were reviewed.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Holly Butterfield attended Anmore Elementary's PAC meeting, and heard some positive feedback from the parents about the Thoughtstream process.

Trustee Judy Shirra attended a meeting of the Soroptimists, and noted the organization's contributions to youth.



Mark Your Calendar!

Special Public Board Meetings—Budget

Tues., April 16
7:00 pm

Tues., Apr. 23
7:00 pm

Regular Board Meeting

Tues., Apr. 30
7:30 pm

All above meetings to be held at Winslow Centre Gallery Room
1100 Winslow Ave,
Coquitlam

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