



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

News from the December 8, 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
Holly Butterfield
John J. Keryluk
Judy Shirra
Diane Sowden
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Tom Grant
Superintendent of Schools

Rick Humphreys
Secretary-Treasurer

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

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

- He acknowledged the tremendous efforts of staff and students in helping vulnerable people during the Christmas season
- The United Way campaign raised just over \$48,000. He thanked the organizing committee of Sally Salituro, Perry Muxworthy and Patti Henry, and all of the site reps
- More than \$26,000 in cash, gift certificates and new books was raised in this year's Hog wild About Reading Motorcycle Ride for Literacy. This year marks the last sponsorship by the Coquitlam Principals/Vice-Principals' Association. Barnes Harley Davidson in Port Coquitlam has offered to take over the initiative
- A \$118,500 grant has been secured from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour market Development for Vulnerable/At-Risk Immigrant Youth
- Pinetree graduate Hwan Lee was awarded a Gold Medal of Excellence by the Education Minister for achieving perfect provincial examination scores in Chemistry, Math and Physics
- Secondary students in BC writing post-secondary level exams placed among the very best in North America
- Coquitlam River Elementary opened its new playground November 27
- Congratulations to Best Secondary winning the Provincial Senior boys AAA Soccer Championship (Centennial was runner-up), and to the Riverside Junior Girls for winning the Provincial volleyball title

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Bob Janzen reported out on the 2010/11 projected Ministry provincial underfunding and the various cost pressures at the budget process begins. He also outlined the 2010/11 proposed budget process – the principles, assumptions and criteria, the process and timelines.

EDUCATION

The Board received the Superintendent's Annual Report on Student Achievement. The report is available on the district website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent Dan Derpak presented the District Boundary Review report. Led by a Steering committee, the Boundary Review addresses the enrolment pressures in the northwest quadrant and makes recommendations for future planning.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustees determined their representation on various committees.

The Board approved the first Mandarin Bilingual Program in the district. It will be housed at Walton Elementary School for kindergarten and grade 1 students. A public information meeting will be held January 13 for interested families. Further information is available on the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca.

The Board passed Amendment Bylaw No. 1.3 – 2009 regarding the School site Acquisition Charge.

Assistant Superintendent Dan Derpak reviewed Administrative Procedure 132 – Closure of Schools for Extreme Weather Condition. Changes were made following last year's excessive snowfall, including improved methods of assessment and more readiness to close schools under extreme conditions.

BCSTA ITEMS

Chair Melissa Hyndes and Trustee Judy Shirra reported on their attendance at the recent BC School Trustees' Academy.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Melissa Hyndes was returned as Board Chair by acclamation, and Brian Robinson was returned as Vice-Chair by acclamation.



Mark Your Calendar!

Regular Board Meeting

January 12, 2010

7:30 p.m.

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550 Poirier Street

Coquitlam

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