



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

News from the February 21, 2012
School Board Meeting

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

Melissa Hyndes
Board Chair

Judy Shirra
Board Vice-Chair

Gail Alty
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Brian Robinson
Diane Sowden
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Tom Grant
Superintendent of Schools

Rick Humphreys
Secretary-Treasurer

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Board of Education heard presentations from:

- Gleneagle Secondary student Selin Jessa described her trip to the Antarctica “Students on Ice” and her work with TED Talks
- Gleneagle student Zoya Jiwa presented her “Simply You Project” – reinforcing the need for all young women to recognize their inner beauty
- Carmen Ekelund, parent of a student at Riverside Secondary, spoke about continuous changes in her daughter’s Special Education Assistants
- Chris Babakaiff, School Programs Coordinator and Fiorella Claderoni – POCOMO Youth Services
- Teresa Grandinetti – Coquitlam Teachers’ Association President

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- Tech Ed teachers Ken Christensen, Mike Roest, Bree-Anna Weir
- Coquitlam Music Teachers’ Association – Teacher reps Angela Buckley, Glenda Ottens;
Student reps – Shauna Lim and Sadie Bui, who presented a song they had written
- Coquitlam Montessori Society – Tracy McRae, Chairperson
- District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) – Heidi Hass Gable

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted the following events and initiatives:

- 4th Annual Pink Shirt Anti-Bullying Day February 29th. (The Trustees and staff at the meeting wore their pink shirts)
- The February 17th Pro-D Day featured an impressive roster of presenters on Intertwining Assessment, Instruction and Socio-Emotional Learning for the 21st Century
- A number of trustees have been judging the school public speaking finals and they look forward to judging at the district Public Speaking Festival next week
- Seven elementary and middle schools will benefit from this year’s round of grants from Envision Financial, for a variety of environmental initiatives
- The Maintenance division is working closely with RCMP to clamp down on graffiti damage

Secretary-Treasurer Rick Humphreys reported that the tender process for the Pitt River Middle School replacement project has completed and negotiations are under-way. He also noted that the Finance department had developed a course on school accounting through the University of Oregon, that he had presented on Feb. 9 and 10. The Superintendent noted that the course would also be presented to SD43 school administrators to assist with financial management.

EDUCATION

Cindy Lee and Christy Areshenko, Student Services staff members who place and supervise students with special needs in their career development, provided an update on the Work Experience Transitions Program.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board adopted the 2011-2012 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw, reflecting the changes made since the Preliminary Budget was approved in April 2011. The Amended Annual Budget reflects a decrease in enrolment of 236 students and corresponding changes in revenues and expenses necessary to produce a balanced budget.

BCSTA ITEMS

Chair Melissa Hyndes and Provincial Council Rep Gail Alty will attend the BC School Trustees' upcoming Association's Provincial Council session.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

- Various Trustees have enjoyed judging public speaking finals at the schools
- Trustee Gerri Wallis attended the EDI/MDI session, a Coquitlam Foundation meeting, the Chinese Consulate Year of the Dragon Festivities, Kilmer public speaking event
- Chair Melissa Hyndes will participate in Walton's public speaking finals; she attended the Confucius Spring Gala



Mark Your Calendar!

Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 27, 2012
(deferred from March 6)

7:30 pm
Board Office
550 Poirier St., Coquitlam

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