



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the February 22, 2011
School Board Meeting*

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

Melissa Hyndes
Board Chair

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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

There were several presentations to start off the February 22 Board meeting:

- Teacher Dana Asher and four students from Maple Creek Middle School's "Green Team" spoke about their recycling initiative at the school
- The Tri-Cities Literacy Committee provided a report to Trustees on the work of the committee in our district
- Scott Creek Teacher-Librarian Tu Loan Trieu brought along a group of students to demonstrate "Battle of the Books" in action
- Members of the Coquitlam Teacher-Librarians' Association made a budget presentation

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

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

- "Say No to Bullying" Pink Shirt Day Feb. 23. In support, all of the Trustees in attendance wore pink shirts to the meeting.
- Thanks to CTA and CUPE for the excellent presentations on the Feb. 18 Pro-D day
- Coquitlam students were featured numerous times in the Report on the 2010 BC Summit, sponsored by the Champions for Children and Youth
- Pinetree Secondary School will be the first of four district "Spot the Target" Schools – an initiative by Coquitlam RCMP, in conjunction with ICBC, which helps educate young drivers about auto crime
- Artwork by 11 Pinetree students was unveiled at Coquitlam City Hall to celebrate Coquitlam's diversity, and will remain up as a permanent exhibit
- Our Confucius Classroom hosted a "Happy Chinese New Year" concert
- After a 3-month pilot project at Kway and Maple Creek Middle Schools, the City of Port Coquitlam's food Scraps and Recycling Program has been expanded to Hazel Trembath and Kilmer Elementary Schools, and soon to Central and James Park Elementary, and Terry Fox Secondary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A Capital Project Amendment required for the implementation of full-day kindergarten was adopted.

Mark Clay, Manager of Energy/Sustainability, provided an update on the Carbon Neutral Action Plan and Sustainability in SD43.

Brian Kuhn, Manager of Information Services, updated the Board on the District Network Needs and Options for the school district. The report included further details on network management tools and staffing needs to support improvements to the network.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board adopted the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw, required for submission by February 28 to the Ministry of Education. The Amended Annual Budget reflects an increase in enrolment of 533 students (largely reflecting the full implementation of full-day kindergarten) and the related increase in revenue and expenses.

Administrative Procedure 215 – Career Education – has been slightly revised to better align with Ministry terminology.

BCSTA ITEMS

Trustee Gail Alty, Provincial Council representative, will attend the BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council session Saturday. She brought forward notice of a 2% increase in BCSTA fees, which the Board approved following discussion.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees Brian Robinson and Holly Butterfield enjoyed attending the Citizenship Ceremony at Nestor Elementary. Trustee Robinson also enjoyed the concert by students from Beijing University at the Chinese New Year Celebration. He and Trustee Gerri Wallis attended the unveiling of the Pinetree Secondary student artwork at Coquitlam City Hall. Chair Melissa Hyndes enjoyed judging Bramblewood's public speaking event, and is looking forward to hearing the Heritage Woods Grad Transition presentations.



Mark Your Calendar!

**Next
Regular Board Meeting**
March 15, 2011
7:30 p.m.
School Board Office
550 Poirier Street
Coquitlam

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