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School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the February 27, 2007
School Board Meeting*

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Laureen Doerksen provided updates on changes to the requirements in the Grad Portfolio, particularly in the areas of physical education, volunteer hours and transition plans. She also provided an update on course fees, noting that although the exact implications are not yet known, possible changes to the School Fees Order in upcoming legislation may have an impact on course offerings next year.

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn provided the 2006/07 Fiscal Year End Projection. The fiscal forecast does not project a surplus at June 2007, largely because the district factored in \$1.43M in anticipated enrolment reserve funding during its budget process. However, it did not receive any enrolment reserve funding this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Having completed the public consultation process, the board passed first and second readings for the closure of five elementary schools: College Park, Coronation Park, Lincoln, Millside and Vanier. Trustees thanked the public for their sincere and thoughtful involvement in the consultation process and noted that the decisions were difficult ones. Third and final reading of the school closure bylaws occurred at a special public board meeting immediately following the regular board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

In keeping with the Ministry of Education requirements that all school districts submit a final 2006/07 Amended Annual Budget, the Board approved first and second readings of the Amended Budget Bylaw. Third and final reading occurred at the special board meeting immediately following the regular board meeting. The budget bylaw reflects a balanced budget for the current fiscal year.

Mark Your Calendar!

The next regular Board Meeting will be
Tuesday, March 13, 2007
7:30 p.m. - School Board Office

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