



## School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the January 10, 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  
Holly Butterfield  
John J. Keryluk  
Brian Robinson  
Diane Sowden  
Gerri Wallis  
Keith Watkins

**Tom Grant**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**Rick Humphreys**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant reflected on the outstanding philanthropic initiatives by students and staff that led up to the Christmas season; registrations are underway for various programs of choice; he outlined the day's visits by Minister of Education George Abbot; and January 11 is the second annual Community Networking Day.

### NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Education adopted Policy 1 – Learning Without Boundaries. Formulated through a collaborative process, the revised policy represents a pared-down version of its predecessor, which better aligns with the district vision.

The International Education Program has been successful in its application for a re-classification of the Confucius Classroom in SD 43 to the Confucius Institute in Coquitlam, as approved by the Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) in Beijing, China in December 2011. This sets the stage for the district to play a leadership role in province-wide initiatives that strengthen educational cooperation between China and Canada.

### BCSTA ITEMS

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes will attend the BC Public Employers' Association AGM January 21. The BC School Trustees New Trustee Academy is scheduled for Feb. 9-11.

### TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gerri Wallis enjoyed Mundy Road's Pancake Breakfast prior to Christmas break; she and Trustee Sowden attended CAFE's turkey lunch; she noted that a Riverside student played violin masterfully at Miller Park's Tree Lighting Ceremony; and Coquitlam Foundation grants are still available until Feb. 23.

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### Next Regular Board Meeting

Tues., Jan. 31, 2012

7:30 pm

District Office Boardroom

550 Poirier St., Coquitlam

(2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity for public input into the 2012-13 Budget process)