



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the July 15, 2008  
School Board Meeting

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

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## RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

The Board responded to a concern expressed by the Chinese Cultural Centre regarding rental rate increases. The rate increases will remain in effect.

## DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted the following events and initiatives:

- In light of fee coverage, the Summer Learning program has grown significantly this summer. There are over 4,000 students enrolled in summer courses.
- There will be significant changes to the School Meals Program in September. The program has been moved to the Centennial Secondary teaching kitchen, and free or subsidized meals will now be delivered to students in 21 identified schools.
- Coquitlam School District will host August provincial exam sittings for Social Studies 11 and English/Communications 12.
- A \$50,000 grant from the Career Education Society has been secured. This will enable a .8 teacher to be hired to further expand the Career Transition and Trades program.
- Input is being sought by July 18 by the newly formed Early Childhood Learning Agency on its consultation paper "*Expanding Early Learning in BC for Children Aged 3-5*". For more information: [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/ecla/)

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Bob Janzen provided the 2007/08 Fiscal Year-End Forecast. The current forecast indicates a deficit of \$92,000.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A collaborative arrangement between School District No. 43 and the Terry Fox Theatre Advisory Group (TAG) has been reached. The five-year agreement states that TAG continues as an independent incorporated legal Society; a new Theatre Committee be established between TAG, the Coquitlam School District and the Municipality of Port Coquitlam; and that a new Operations Committee be established.

## NEW BUSINESS

The first two readings of Property Disposition Bylaw 2008-6 – Leasing of College Park Elementary School – were passed. A third reading and passage occurred at a second public meeting held immediately after the first one. MLE Training & Research, which offers educational programs to students with mental and physical challenges, will lease College Park for a five-year term.

The Board reviewed revisions to the following Administrative Procedures:

- 313 – Safety Threats and Emergency Action Plan
- 132 – Closure of Schools for Extreme Weather Conditions
- 515 – Signing Officers and Authority

The amended Administrative Procedures will be posted on the district website shortly.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Next Regular Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 16, 2008  
7:30 p.m.  
School Board Office  
550 Poirier Street—Coquitlam

