



## School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the June 23, 2009  
School Board Meeting

### Our Mission:

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

### Melissa Hyndes

*Board Chair*

### Brian Robinson

*Board Vice-Chair*

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Keith Watkins

### Tom Grant

*Superintendent of Schools*

### Bob Janzen

*Acting Secretary-Treasurer*

## DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Justine Yiu, President of the Student Leadership Council, reviewed the activities for the 2008-09 school year, and noted that the focus for next year will be on philanthropy. The new executive will be named in September.

## DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant reported on a number of events and initiatives:

- trustees and senior staff enjoyed taking part in a number of commencement ceremonies
- at the end of the school year there were some incidents of H1N1 (human swine flu) in five of our schools, however none were severe and school closures were not necessary
- a new district website will be launched over the summer, as well as the first phase of modified school websites. All will have a consistent template and enhanced features
- Porter Elementary students formed part of the cast of a short film called "The Big, Messy Lie"
- Costco in Port Coquitlam donated 150 backpacks to Glen Elementary
- The Tzu Chi Foundation once again made a very generous donation to the District to enable vulnerable children to attend summer camps, sports camps and a number of other activities
- Mr. Grant displayed a booklet compiled by aboriginal education staff, depicting art and stories by aboriginal students honouring their role models

Jamie Ross, Director of Human Resources, provided a staffing report.

A grant application of \$8,000 under the Community Connections Program has been approved. Combined with funds raised by the PAC and the community, this will allow construction of a new playground for Coquitlam River Elementary.

Principal Mike McGlenen and Wendy Bennett, Manager of Health and Safety, both members of the District Emergency Preparedness Committee, provided an update regarding the committee's three-year plan and future directions. The Board thanked Mr. McGlenen for his work on the committee as he is stepping down.

## EDUCATION

Assistant Superintendent Maureen Dockendorf and Heather Daly, Information Coordinator, presented reports on the District Achievement Contract and District Literacy Plan. Both reports will be submitted to the Ministry of Education by July 15.

The Board approved the BAA Hockey Skills 11 Board Authorized Course. The course will be offered at Riverside and Centennial Secondary Schools.

The Board approved two special academies: COAST, an outdoor/environmental program now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year at Gleneagle and the two new hockey academies at Gleneagle and Centennial.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CABE Principal Paul McNaughton presented an update on a drug intervention pilot project, and introduced the new name for the Pro-Ed Program – GOAL (Goal Oriented Alternative Learning).

## NEW BUSINESS

Trustees established their school liaison assignments for the 2009/10 school year.

Sarah Husband, Principal of Continuing Education, provided a synopsis of a demonstration project to support older immigrant youth and young adults. This one-year project was made possible by a successful grant application.



### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009  
7:30 p.m.  
School Board Office  
550 Poirier Street  
Coquitlam

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