



**School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)**

# ***The Board Update***

*News from the June 25, 2013  
School Board Meeting*

## **Our Mission:**

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

### **Melissa Hyndes**

*Board Chair*

### **Holly Butterfield**

*Board Vice-Chair*

Gail Alty

John J. Keryluk

Brian Robinson

Judy Shirra

Diane Sowden

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

### **Tom Grant**

*Superintendent of Schools*

### **Guy Bonnefoy**

*Acting Secretary-Treasurer*

## **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

The mayor of Anmore, Heather Anderson, presented on the naming of the new middle school.

Elsbeth Anjos (K-12 Learning Support Coordinator), Lindsay Hill (Teacher – Como Lake Middle), Marna Macmillan (K-12 Learning Support Coordinator), and Orion (District Canine Assisted Intervention Dog) presented on the District Education Dog and the support and promotion of Safe and Caring Learning Communities.

Jodie Wickens presented on behalf of parents with children living with autism. The group requested an Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) support worker program to provide support for their children.

## **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

Superintendent Tom Grant noted the following items:

- The volunteer teachers and parents involved in the planning and supervision of the various Dry Grad activities, the continued support of the BC Liquor Distribution Branch. Our secondary schools received just over \$22,700 to help fund their Dry Grad events this year.
- A special ceremony at Banting Middle in honour of the Korean War Peace Celebration. The 60th Anniversary Ceremony included a reception involving various teachers and students, followed by various legs of a 24-hour walk.
- Gleneagle Secondary student Saskia Vaisey was the national winner of the Toyota Earth Day Scholarship Program 2013.
- Gleneagle art students created a mural at the Crossroads Hospice Thrift Store which depicts various aspects of the caring environment of the Crossroads Hospice.
- Tom was “arrested” in the board lobby and sent to jail in aid of the annual Cops for Cancer Jail and Bail fundraiser.

## **SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT**

Guy Bonnefoy provided a District Facilities Update.

## **EDUCATION REPORT**

Heather Daly and Don Gordon from Staff Development presented the District Achievement Contract.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Regular Board Meeting**

Tues., Sept. 10, 2013  
7:30 pm  
School Board Office  
550 Poirier Street,  
Coquitlam

Assistant Superintendent Sylvia Russell presented the Specialty Academies from Centennial (Hockey Academy and Experimental Studies 10), Terry Fox (Hockey Academy), Riverside (Hockey Academy), and Gleneagle (COAST).

Sophie Bergeron, Languages Coordinator, and Darlene Proux, Principal, presented on behalf of the District French Advisory Committee.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board has sent a letter to Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, to request a commitment from the Ministry for a StrongStart Centre in every school in the province.

Jamie Ross, Director of Human Resources, recommended a motion to approve the creation of a new, amended Administrative Procedure 406 “Employee Drivers and The Use of School District Vehicles”.

The Board has sent a letter to Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, in regards to the proposed reforms to K-12 international education.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Guy Bonnefoy, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, and Chris Nicholls, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, presented Rental Department Changes for the Budget Year 2013-14. A review showed the District rental rates are below the norm. There will be a 7% increase to rental rates which will take effect on Jan. 1, 2014 and a cancellation fee with effect on July 1, 2013.

Superintendent Tom Grant presented revisions to Administrative Procedure 435 “Professional Growth Plans for School Principals and Vice Principals”.

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

Following discussion, the Board moved to rescind the motion to name the new middle school “Twin Lakes Middle” and name the school “Eagle Mountain Middle”. The motion was carried.

**BCSTA ITEMS/BUSINESS**

No new items or business.

**TRUSTEE CALENDAR PLANNING**

No new items or business.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Judy Shirra enjoyed Riverside Secondary’s Music Monday, Dr. Charles Best’s production of Beauty & the Beast, the Aboriginal Education Program’s 24-Hour Drumming Event at Riverside, and she was pleased to see so many Port Coquitlam

schools involved in the city's May Days opening events.

Trustee Gerri Wallis reported on the SD43/City of Coquitlam Liaison Committee meeting. Various topics of mutual interest were discussed. She also attended the Student Leadership Council meeting, and the Honouring Ceremony for the district's Aboriginal students, which took place at the Red Robinson Theatre.

Trustee Diane Sowden enjoyed the CAFE commencement ceremony at the Red Robinson Theatre.

Trustee Gail Alty attended the CLOC and COL graduations, as well as the Gleneagle Secondary ceremony.

Trustees in general attended various commencements, and congratulated administration and staff for the excellent planning.

Trustee Gerri Wallis enjoyed Monty Middle's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, and also attended the 24-Hour Drumming event at Riverside.