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*School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)*

# *The Board Update*

*News from the June 26, 2007  
School Board Meeting*

## **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Omar Chatur, President of the Student Leadership Council, reviewed the SLC activities for the 2006/07 school year and introduced the new SLC executive for 2007/08.

## **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

Superintendent Lauren Doerksen noted various end of school year activities such as provincial exams, field trips, activity days, commencement ceremonies, administrator appointments and staff retirements. Other items of note:

- The Ministry has clarified various components of Bill 20 regarding achievement contracts and the literacy plan transition document. Interim reports are now required by October 31
- Central Elementary student Monica Ornelas, a member of the Random Acts of Kindness group, was awarded \$1,000 and a further \$1,000 to a charity of her choice, by Westminster Savings Credit Union for her submission in the "Making a Difference" program
- Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn has been elected President of the BC School District Secretary-Treasurers' Association
- After winning gold at the Odyssey of the Mind Provincial Tournament held at Port Moody Secondary in April, two Aspenwood Elementary teams took part in the World finals at Michigan State University last month
- Millside Elementary was one of five businesses and organizations presented with a SHARE Partnership Award at this year's AGM

Maureen Dockendorf, Director of Curriculum, outlined the revised requirements of the Grad Portfolio with the three core areas of Healthy Living, Community Connections and Employability/Lifestyles.

## **EDUCATION REPORTS**

Patricia Gartland, District Principal International Education, along with the program's leadership team, provided a report on the International Education Program's accomplishments during the 2006-07 school year.

The Board approved the new primary, intermediate and middle school district Report Card templates which had been piloted in the 2006-07 school year. Maureen Dockendorf, Director of Instruction, reviewed the process which worked collaboratively with teachers, administrators, parents and students.

## **EDUCATION REPORTS—cont'd.**

Gleneagle Secondary School COAST Program and Centennial Secondary School Experiential Studies 10 have been granted Special Academy status, as now required under the School Act. Both programs have undergone the required consultation process with their Parent Advisory Councils and School Planning Councils.

The Board reviewed a secondary school sport registration form, developed by the Coquitlam Secondary School Athletic Association and in compliance with BC School Sports.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Two administrative procedures were brought forward for board information – School Volunteers and Volunteer Drivers and the Use of Privately Owned Vehicles. Both have undergone committee consultation and have received feedback from school staffs, PACs and partner groups.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustees reviewed their school liaison assignments for the 2007/08 school year

A change to Administrative Procedure 456 – Early Retirement Incentive Plan (Exempt Staff) was received.

Although roadwork on Victoria Drive in Port Coquitlam may be ending ahead of schedule, the Board voted to provide bus transportation for Lincoln students to Leigh Elementary for the next school year.

## **TRUSTEE CALENDAR PLANNING**

Trustees reviewed their summer calendar and schedule of Board meetings for 2007/2008.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

The trustees reported on the various commencement and awards ceremonies that they had recently attended.



### **Mark Your Calendar!**

Summer Board meetings are at the call of the Chair

#### **Next Regular Board Meeting**

Board Office  
550 Poirier Street  
Coquitlam  
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007  
7:30 p.m.

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