



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

News from the June 3, 2008
School Board Meeting

Our Mission:

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

Holly Butterfield

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Tom Grant

Superintendent of Schools

Lorcan O'Melinn

Secretary-Treasurer

DELEGATIONS

Riverside Secondary teacher Jeanne-Marie Mannavarayan and four students who traveled to Tanzania to assist in an orphanage shared their experience via a video presentation. The students raised funds for their trip and collected medical supplies, clothes, shoes and toiletries for the children.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted various events and initiatives:

- School organization planning
- Sports/activity days
- Staff appreciation events
- Commencement ceremonies
- Aspenwood Elementary raised over \$3,300 in its UNICEF campaign
- An upcoming visit by Superintendent of Achievement Marion Turner
- The Distributed Learning audit resulted in a \$24,000 loss – a modest amount compared to other districts, thanks to thorough preparation

Members of the Emergency Awareness Committee, Mike McGlenen and Wendy Bennett, provided an update on the May 7th emergency preparedness exercise for elementary and middle schools.

Bob Janzen, Director of Finance, provided a 2007/08 Fiscal Year End Forecast. As of May 30th, a surplus of \$305,000 was projected – less than the planned surplus of approximately \$402,000 that has been designated to balance the 2008/09 budget.

EDUCATION REPORTS

As required by the Ministry, the Board of Education passed a motion that it intends to provide tuition-free education to graduated adults through Coquitlam Continuing Education.

Patricia Gartland, Director of International Education, provided the Board with information about the International Education Program's accomplishments during the 2007-08 school year. The program this year saw 1,200 international students registered in our schools, and hosts a number of other programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent Sylvia Russell provided a class size and composition report, which will be submitted to the Ministry.

The Board received changes to Administrative Procedure 414 – Retirement Function. The changes clarified qualifications for the retirement function and gift.

Administrative Procedure 515 – Signing Officers and Authorities – has been updated.

The Board passed Trustee Elections Bylaw No. 2008-1.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee John J. Keryluk enjoyed his attendance at the Riverside Commencement ceremony, while Trustee Gerri Wallis attended Centennial's commencement and its Awards Night.



Mark Your Calendar!

**Next Regular
Board Meeting**
Tuesday, June 24, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Winslow Centre,
Gallery Room
1100 Winslow Ave.
Coquitlam

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