



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

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School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the June 5, 2007
School Board Meeting*

RESPONSE TO DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes read the Board response to Maureen Choudhury, a parent at Eagle Ridge Elementary School, who presented at the May 15 Board Meeting regarding student safety at elementary schools.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent Sylvia Russell provided a report highlighting many events and initiatives underway throughout the district:

- Schools are busy with parent volunteer recognition events, activity days, transition events, preparing for provincial exams, grad festivities and commencement ceremonies
- Younger students will be impacted by revisions to the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations with regard to child seating and restraint systems. The new regulations around booster seats will be reflected in the district's Volunteer Drivers Administrative Procedure which is currently undergoing revision
- The Roots of Empathy Program held its annual celebration recently at James Park Elementary, recognizing 51 programs running at 37 schools this year
- BC's grade 12 students will soon be able to take advantage of free tutoring for seven additional subjects through the LearnNow BC website at www.learnnow.bc.ca
- Gleneagle Secondary was the host school for the district's Gifted Conference held in May
- Copies of a Student Services produced DVD on the SHARP Gifted program have been distributed to all elementary and middle schools
- Educators representing some 100 Learning Teams assembled for a year-end celebration at Winslow Gym recently. Displays of projects illustrated the wide range of topics
- A dedication ceremony for the Como Lake Sports Court will be held Tuesday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Manager of Communications Cheryl Quinton provided an update on precautionary measures should any flooding occur in Port Coquitlam schools.

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn provided an update on the 2006/07 Fiscal Year-End Projection. The 2007-08 preliminary budget is based on achieving a surplus of \$967,000.

EDUCATION REPORTS

The Behaviour Review Committee, meeting regularly since November 2006, is in the process of writing its draft report. Liz Thompson, Director of Student Services, outlined the process so far.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board approved amendments to Policy 17 – District Code of Conduct for Students and Policy 18 – Violence, Intimidation and Possession of Weapons. Both policies had been circulated to all partner group executives, schools and PACs for input.

The Board was provided with an update to Administrative Procedure 240 – *Charges for Course Fees/Activities/Materials* to reflect the recent Provincial School Board Fees Order.



Mark Your Calendar!

**Next Regular
Board Meeting**
Board Office
550 Poirier Street
Coquitlam
Tuesday, June 26, 2007
7:30 p.m.

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