



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the March 31, 2009
School Board Meeting*

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

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Tom Grant
Superintendent of Schools

Lorcan O'Melinn
Secretary-Treasurer

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Jennie Boulanger, a DPAC representative from Como Lake Middle School, provided a demonstration on classroom sound field systems.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant reported on a number of activities and initiatives taking place in the district:

- Terry Fox Secondary hosted the annual district Career Fair.
- Montgomery Middle School will host its second annual Wellness Conference.
- A number of elementary schools participated in the Coquitlam NOW'S annual *Design an Ad* feature.
- Jonathan Zhou, a grade 11 student at Pinetree Secondary was selected to join Team Canada at an International Science and Engineering Fair in Reno Nevada, May 9-17.
- Riverside Secondary's concert choir will be one of 20 choirs to take part in the Canadian premiere of *Sing for the Cure* at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre April 25.
- Terry Fox secondary's music program will receive a \$10,000 grant from Music Counts.
- The district's Student Leadership Council will host a *Go Green Challenge* followed by a Film and Arts Festival April 18.
- Powersave software on all district computers will go live April 3.
- Teacher Elsa Fogale received the 2008 Nesika Award for her multicultural efforts at Hampton Park Elementary. A \$5000 award for her school will help create a permanent multicultural mural.
- Final preparations are underway for the Encompass Conference April 16-18 at Heritage Woods Secondary School.
- The Coquitlam Principals and Vice-Principals Association will host its 8th Annual *In Motion* event for Cancer research Sunday, April 26 beginning at Terry Fox Secondary.

SECRETARY – TREASURER’S REPORT

The Board approved the district becoming a signatory to the BC Climate Action Charter.

NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Secretary Treasurer Bob Janzen presented the 2009/10 preliminary budget position. The district is facing a financial shortfall of approximately \$4.1 million.

The Board then reviewed 2009/10 preliminary District Leadership Team budget recommendations. The final recommendations will be presented at the April 14 board meeting after hearing feedback.

Further information on the budget process can be found on the district website at www.sd43.bc.ca.

The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer also reported that application has been made with the School Community Connections Program for a playground venture at Coquitlam River Elementary School.

BCSTA ITEMS

The Board reviewed a list of substantive motions that have been submitted to the BC School Trustees Association prior to the AGM April 23-26.



Mark Your Calendar!

Special Public Board Meetings - Budget *(opportunities to present)*

Tuesday, April 14, 2009
and

Thursday, April 16, 2009
7:00 PM

Winslow - Gallery Room
1100 Winslow Ave.
Coquitlam

Regular Public Meeting *(budget allocation finalized by Board)*

Tuesday, April 21, 2009
7:30 PM

Winslow - Gallery Room
1100 Winslow Ave.
Coquitlam

Special Public Board Meeting - Budget *(Budget Bylaw Consideration)*

Tuesday, April 28, 2009
7:00 PM

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