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*To ensure quality  
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*School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)*

# *The Board Update*

*News from the May 15, 2007  
School Board Meeting*

## **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Three Gleneagle Secondary students shared an award-winning J8/G8 video presentation, highlighting several areas of global concern such as climate change and energy efficiency, HIV/AIDS, prospects for economic development in Africa and new challenges for the global economy.

Mr. and Mrs. Choudhury, parents at Eagle Ridge Elementary, presented their concern about student safety at the school with respect to unlocked doors.

## **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

Superintendent Lauren Doerksen reported on a number of events and initiatives:

- The annual Banting Horticultural Plant Sale until June 10, marking its 34<sup>th</sup> and final year
- The annual Learning Team Celebration will take place May 29 at Winslow Gym from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- The Professional Networks Series will offer a new structure for learning involving whole school communities in 2007/08.
- Elementary Track Meets will run May 22 - 25 at Town Centre Stadium
- The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rick Hansen's World Tour will be marked by a re-creation of the wheelchair trek up Thermal Drive May 22. A celebration will be held at Hillcrest Middle School
- Secondary artwork will be showcased May 23-28 at the Coquitlam Centre's annual Secondary Art Student Show
- Centennial Secondary, in conjunction with ICBC, held a mock car crash May 10
- More than \$25,000 will be donated this year by the Liquor Distribution Branch for Dry Grad activities. Ms. Doerksen thanked all of the community contributors to these events.
- Three schools recently held anniversary celebrations – Millside Elementary (100 years), Centennial Secondary (40 years) and Maple Creek Middle (10 years).

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn noted that two municipalities – Port Coquitlam and Port Moody – have rejected the amended Eligible School Site proposal. The Ministry of Education has appointed a facilitator to oversee the process.

## EDUCATION REPORTS

Maureen Dockendorf, Director of Curriculum/Staff Development and Janice Williams, the Tri-Cities Literacy Planning Coordinator, provided an update on the community literacy plan which involves local libraries, educational institutes and community organizations and agencies.

Frank Gigliotti, Transition Coordinator, provided an overview of all of the transition education programs currently underway in the district, and he outlined future initiatives.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following bylaws were adopted by the Board:

- The 2007/08 budget bylaw in the amount of \$239,593,664
- Seaview Elementary Seismic Remediation Project
- Porter Street Elementary Seismic Remediation Project

## NEW BUSINESS

Trustees reviewed the 2007-08 calendar.

Trustees discussed a letter from CUPE BC regarding the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement. A letter will be sent to CUPE BC, noting that a resolution on this topic had been brought forward at the BC School Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting to exempt school districts and host public meetings.



### Mark Your Calendar!

**Next Regular  
Board Meeting**  
Board Office  
550 Poirier Street  
Coquitlam  
Tuesday, June 5, 2007  
7:30 p.m.

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