



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the May 19, 2009
School Board Meeting*

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

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Superintendent of Schools

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DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mark Sekela, an Anmore parent, presented to the Board concerning Policy 20 - Conveyance of Students.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant reported on a number of events and initiatives taking place around the District:

- Glen Elementary will host a farewell celebration Friday, May 22 . Glen's new school will open sometime this fall
- Online registration began May 19 for the Summer Learning Program. More than 1200 registrations were received online on the first day
- The school district has launched an EPIC (Elite Performers in Coquitlam) Program for middle and secondary school elite athletes and performers
- Board Office staff raised more than \$12,000 in the annual Heart and Stroke Foundation Big Bike event, and a further \$400 for Children's Hospital on Jeans Day
- Charles Best Secondary student Barry MacKay (Joinery) and Heritage woods Secondary student Kathy Chan (Baking) both won gold medals at the Skills BC Competition, and will advance to the national competition
- Glen Elementary was one of two schools in BC to receive a \$40,000 RBC After-School grant
- Riverside secondary teacher Carlo Muro is the recipient of the provincial Male Coach of the Year Award
- Five senior girls on the Port Moody Blues rugby team were able to compete in Prince George and return home in time for their grad, courtesy of CFOX Radio, which sponsored a charter flight for the girls
- The annual Roots of Empathy celebration will take place June 4th at the Winslow Gym
- Patti Gartland, Director of International Education, is the featured personality in the April 2009 edition of the Korean publication Edu News

Secretary-Treasurer Lorcan O'Melinn reported out on the 2008/09 fiscal year-end forecast. A balanced budget is forecast.



EDUCATION

Assistant Superintendent Dan Derpak will lead a boundary review in the north-west quadrant of the district, in preparation for planning for the new Heritage Mountain middle school, and to address overcrowding issues and enrolment imbalances at district schools located on the north shore of Port Moody, Anmore and Belcarra.

Assistant Superintendent Sylvia Russell provided a report on class size. She noted the classes that exceed 30 students are either band or music classes, where larger numbers are desirable.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion to rescind a November 2007 motion disallowing a review of Policy 20 - Conveyance of Students, was defeated.

A number of Capital Project Bylaws were approved:

- Heritage Mountain Middle School Construction Project
- Moody Middle School Replacement Project
- Panorama Heights, Riverview Park and Westwood Elementary seismic projects

The Board approved revisions to Policy 21 – Disposal of Real Property, to comply with change from a Ministerial Order.

The Board reviewed changes to Administrative Procedure 561 - Use of Surplus School Facilities, reflecting changes from a Ministerial Order.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chair Brian Robinson reminded trustees about the Summer Leadership Conference.

Trustee Gerri Wallis attended the April 29 DPAC meeting , at which the guest speaker was District Principal Sarah Husband, who spoke about Continuing Education, Coquitlam Open Learning and the Summer Learning Program.

Mark Your Calendar!

Regular Public Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2009
7:30 p.m.
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550 Poirier Street
Coquitlam

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