



## School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the May 25, 2010  
School Board Meeting

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

**Melissa Hyndes**  
*Board Chair*

**Brian Robinson**  
*Board Vice-Chair*

Gail Alty  
Holly Butterfield  
John J. Keryluk  
Judy Shirra  
Diane Sowden  
Gerri Wallis  
Keith Watkins

**Tom Grant**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**Rick Humphreys**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

### BOARD STATEMENTS

Prior to the meeting, Board Chair Melissa Hyndes issued two statements on behalf of the Board: She clarified that the consultative process regarding the siting of a new Centennial Secondary will continue and there will not be a decision on until at least the fall. The second statement dealt with charges against a local teacher. The updated statement is located on the district website at [www.sd43.bc.ca](http://www.sd43.bc.ca)

### DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Ross Davidson, Principal of International Education and Terry Campbell, Scouts Canada Council Field Executive, presented information on the launch of the Summer 2010 Coquitlam International Student ESL/Scouting Certificate Program.

The Board congratulated two district middle school teacher-librarians, Karen Ferguson and Tuluan Trieu, on their being awarded Teacher-Librarians of the Year.

Assistant Superintendent Dan Derpak provided an update on the Port Coquitlam Sports Strategy Consultation.

Resident Colin Robertson spoke to the Board about the siting of the new Centennial Secondary.

### DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted the following events and initiatives:

- More than 1200 band students from our schools delighted the crowds at Lafarge Lake May 15 as they performed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Bands in the Park** event.
- Registration for Summer School high school credit courses began today. The first attempt last week was halted as the outside server used for registration wasn't able to handle the volume. To help address this, the sign-up times have been staggered for the various grade levels.
- Congratulations to our many middle and secondary school athletes that participated in the BC Winter Games in Terrace. There were a number of medal winners in various categories.
- Two elementary schools have won \$1000 prizes from CITY TV Breakfast Television and as part of the cheque presentation, Mountain Meadows and Hazel Trembath will be featured in broadcasts from the schools in a segment called "Be There for Schools".
- A couple of outstanding philanthropic initiatives from Summit Middle – students donated their babysitting and chore money, and donated proceeds from magazine sales to raise money for the Free the Children Foundation. They raised just over \$3250. In another event, by participating in the Healthy Living dance and movie and games night, \$1800 was raised for the oncology unit at Children's Hospital.
- Citadel Middle will again sponsor a 30-hour famine this Friday to raise awareness of world hunger.
- Thank you to the BC Liquor Distribution Branch for its donations to the Dry Grad activities. Schools in our district will share \$18,350 to help in the Dry Grad festivities.
- A \$113,000 grant has been approved by the Support Staff Education and Adjustment Committee to provide professional development to Special Education Assistants in a variety of topics.

**DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS—cont'd.**

- The annual elementary track meet is taking place at the Town Centre Stadium.
- A job fair coordinated by the Settlement Workers in Schools (SWIS) staff at Port Moody Secondary was very well attended.

**EDUCATION REPORTS**

Dave Taylor, Director of Student Services, provided updates on the Gifted Challenge Program and the Aboriginal Education Program Review

**NEW BUSINESS**

Secretary Treasurer Rick Humphreys provided details of the 2010-2011 Capital Plan, which the Board approved. The District's identified priorities are a new elementary school in the growing Hyde Creek area on Burke Mountain and additions to Aspenwood, Bramblewood and Panorama Heights Elementary Schools.

Mark Clay, Manager of Energy & Sustainability, provided an update on various initiatives around the district aimed at increasing energy efficiency and attaining the required reduction of its carbon footprint.

The Board approved the 2010-11 Annual Budget in the amount of \$297,976,413. In noting that the preliminary budget is balanced, Mr. Humphreys cautioned that it will require careful monitoring and effort by staff to stay within the budget to avoid mid-year adjustments.

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

Trustee John J. Keryluk filed a Notice of Motion regarding the proposed cellular tower near Coquitlam River Elementary.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Next Board Meeting**

June 15, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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