



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the May 4, 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

Prior to the start of the meeting, Board Chair Melissa Hyndes delivered a statement from the District regarding charges against a Coquitlam teacher.

DELEGATONS/PRESENTATIONS

Students from various district secondary schools were recipients of scholarships from the Secondary School Apprenticeship Program.

Mark Sekela, a resident of Anmore, spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding school bus service.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted the following district events and initiatives:

- Earth Day activities
- Teams from eight schools won medals at the provincial Odyssey of the Minds Tournament
- Grade 3 students in Coquitlam elementary schools have been offered the Swim to Survive program thanks to grant funding by the BC/Yukon Lifesaving Society and in conjunction with the City of Coquitlam
- Best Secondary teacher Ken Ipe was awarded the 2010 Kron-Sigal Award for Excellence in Holocaust Education
- The Coquitlam Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association raised more than \$9,000 in this year's *In Motion Event* for Cancer Research

EDUCATION REPORTS

Assistant Superintendent Maureen Dockendorf provided an update on full day kindergarten.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board passed the final budget recommendations, which included extending the 2010-2011 Spring Break by one week in March and adding an additional day of vacation Friday, November 12. Full budget details can be accessed via www.sd43.bc.ca/District/Departments/Finance/Pages/

NEW BUSINESS

The Board passed the following motion: “That the Board of Education investigates the possibility of instituting a user pay transportation system for the purpose of reducing the district’s operating costs.”

BCSTA ITEMS

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes reviewed the BCSTA AGM in Victoria, including prior meetings with Ministry officials.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brian Robinson met with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce; Gerri Wallis attended Centennial’s spring musical; John Keryluk attended the official start of a recycling initiative at Kwayhquitlum Middle (a partnership with the City of Port Coquitlam); and Judy Shirra enjoyed PoCo May Days.



Mark Your Calendar!

Next Board Meeting

May 25, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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