



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the November 17, 2009  
School Board Meeting

## Our Mission:

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

### Melissa Hyndes

*Board Chair*

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### Tom Grant

*Superintendent of Schools*

### Rick Humphreys

*Secretary-Treasurer*

## DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Geoff Boon and Jennifer Martinez of the Children of the Street Society shared information on their upcoming AGM which will screen a documentary called *Playground*. The film will be offered as a resource to school district counselors, administrators and youth workers.

## DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted several events and initiatives around the district:

- Kudos was extended to the caretaking staff that are providing additional cleaning to schools experiencing elevated absenteeism due to H1N1 flu. It appears that flu activity has levelled off over the past week in our schools.
- Students in the south side schools collected more than 4,000 pounds of food in a Halloween drive
- The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child will be celebrated at Cape Horn Elementary November 20
- More than 1,600 young children are registered in the 13 StrongStart programs in our district
- All Grade 1 students will receive a copy of *Let's Go! The Story of Getting From Here to There*. This donation is made possible through the sponsorship of the TD Bank Financial Group, the Ministries of Education across Canada and the Canadian Children's Book Centre
- A Community Consultation to explore a Neighbourhood of Learning model will take place at Pitt River Middle November 23 at 6:30 p.m.
- Pinetree Secondary student Kimberley Anderson was selected as a student reporter for CBC Vancouver's second annual News Day in BC program

Jamie Ross, Director of Human Resources, provided a final summary report on teacher and CUPE staffing for the 2009-10 school year. Student enrolment fared better than originally forecast, with little change experienced from last year.

## EDUCATION

Chris Friesen and Naomi Staddon from Immigrant Services Society provided the Board with a report on the summer school funded from the district's Settlement Worker in Schools community partnership funds. The summer camp and community summer school was offered to support recent immigrant families.

Patricia Gartland, Director of International Education, along with the program's leadership team, provided an annual report, highlighting the International Education Program's accomplishments during 2009.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Assistant Superintendent Dan Derpak provided a draft District Wide Long Range Facilities Plan. The report will now be circulated to the District Leadership Team, partner groups and school-based administrators for input.

## NEW BUSINESS

Frank Giampa, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Facilities and Planning Services, updated the status of the Vandal Watch Program and provided a report on Halloween vandalism.

The Board reaffirmed the 2009-10 Year Capital Plan, which will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education by November 30.

## BCSTA ITEMS

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes and Trustee Judy Shirra will attend the BC School Trustees' Association Academy Dec. 3-5.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees took part in their respective city's wreath-laying ceremonies on Remembrance Day.



### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Regular Board Meeting

December 7, 2009  
7:30 p.m.  
School Board Office  
550 Poirier Street  
Coquitlam

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