



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the October 25, 2011
School Board Meeting*

Our Mission:

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

Melissa Hyndes
Board Chair

Judy Shirra
Board Vice-Chair

Gail Alty
Holly Butterfield
John J. Keryluk
Brian Robinson
Diane Sowden
Gerri Wallis
Keith Watkins

Tom Grant
Superintendent of Schools

Rick Humphreys
Secretary-Treasurer

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Preceded by an Aboriginal blessing and song performed by staff and student drummers, the Board of Education approved a special program targeted at hiring Teachers of Aboriginal Ancestry.
- The Board presented a parting gift and thanks to Corporal Louis Delisle of the Coquitlam RCMP, Coordinator of the School/Police Liaison Program. Corp. Delisle has accepted a position in another province.
- The Board also recognized Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Bob Janzen, who is retiring from SD43.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted the following events and initiatives:

- The week of October 24 marked the official United Way Drive for district staff
- October marks Canadian Library Month, with October 23 being National School Library Day
- CAFE teacher Peter Stainton was commended for his work in coordinating a massive annual clothing giveaway (unclaimed lost and found items), as part of a project led by a Tri-City education program called GOAL – Goal Oriented Alternative Learning
- Edward Trovato, a music teacher at Gleneagle Secondary, has been awarded a Prime Minister's Award Certificate of Achievement for Teaching Excellence

Kathleen Ponsart, District Principal Human Resources, summarized the 2011 staffing process. As of September 30, student enrolment (full time equivalent) was at 30,178 – up slightly from last September.

EDUCATION

Mike McGlenen, LINC Vice-Principal, reported out on this year's Summer Learning Program. A total of 4,339 students participated in either the classroom settings or Fast Track (an online blended format) with an overall success rate of 94%.

SD43 and CERA (Communities Embracing Restorative Action) have developed a partnership to conduct a restorative justice mediation process in schools to address conflict. A short overview of the project was presented based on a pilot project at Centennial Secondary.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board of Education moved in principle to endorse the City of Coquitlam's bid to host the 2016 Summer Games. The District has agreed to allow the use of facilities to stage sports competitions and accommodate participants on a cost neutral basis, with any legacy facilities and benefits to be equally shared by the City and District.

The Board approved the 2011 Eligible School Sites Resolution. Each year the Ministry of Education requires that school board pass an annual eligible school sites resolution to update residential development projections for local government, student yield estimates and estimates of the general location, number and cost of sites required for future schools.



Mark Your Calendar!

Regular Board Meeting

November 8, 2011
7:30 p.m.
School Board Office
550 Poirier Street
Coquitlam

For more information
on the Board Update
Contact:
Cheryl Quinton, Manager
of Communications
and Corporate Services
at 604-937-6775 or
cquinton@sd43.bc.ca