



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the October 23, 2012
School Board Meeting*

Our Mission:

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

Melissa Hyndes

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Tom Grant

Superintendent of Schools

Rick Humphreys

Secretary-Treasurer

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- Heidi Hass Gable, Pres. DPAC – Land Disposition Process
- Tammy Craik/Kat Murray, Co-Chairs, Porter Street Parent Advisory Council

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted a number of events and initiatives:

- Over 100 teachers and administrators attended sessions to launch the Learning Improvement Fund Network
- Students and staff of James Park Elementary moved into their new school October 22
- The annual BC Teacher-Librarians' Association Conference took place at Riverside Secondary October 19th
- Congratulations to Westwood Elementary's Jonathan Sclater for his Certificate of Achievement - Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Also congratulations to Janna McCullough from Gleneagle Secondary (Hairdressing Course) for being awarded Educator of the Year by the Beauty Council of BC
- The opening reception for the SD43 Educators' Art Exhibition at the Art Gallery in Evergreen Cultural Centre is Sunday, October 28th. The Exhibit runs until Nov. 4th
- Centennial Secondary will participate in the upcoming Vancouver Symphony Orchestra Connects Program, connecting VSO musicians with secondary students
- Mr. Grant read a statement on the loss of student Amanda Todd, and outlined the follow-up review and measures that will take place regarding social responsibility

HR Principal Kathleen Ponsart provided a report on the Staffing Summary for 2012 (as of September 30). Student enrolment is slightly under projection.

Secretary-Treasurer Rick Humphreys and Board Chair Melissa Hyndes co-announced that construction on the new middle school in Anmore will commence October. 29. The contract was awarded to Envoy Construction Services Ltd, while B+H Architects have already won an award for the school's innovative and energy efficient design.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed recommendations from the district leadership team that the Board of Education proceed with the next step in the Parkland Elementary School Property Disposal process, but that it not proceed with the disposal of land at Porter Street Elementary. The Board of Education waived policy to enable a vote on the topic at the meeting, rather than voting at the Nov. 6 meeting as previously planned. The Board voted to not proceed with the next step concerning Porter Street Elementary.

NEW BUSINESS

A number of Capital Project Amendment Bylaws were passed, enabling the transfer of funds from the Ministry for various capital projects underway or completed.

The Board received as information, updates to Administrative Procedure 112 – Administrative Committees.

BCSTA ITEMS

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes will attend the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting, where three motions will be brought forward.



Mark Your Calendar!

Next Regular Board Meeting

Tues., Nov. 6 2012
7:30 pm

Board Office Board Room
550 Poirier St.
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