



**School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)**

# ***The Board Update***

*News from the September 13, 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

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Diane Sowden

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

**Tom Grant**

*Superintendent of Schools*

**Rick Humphreys**

*Secretary-Treasurer*

## **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

Representatives from the Tzu-Chi Foundation presented a cheque to the Board for \$12,000 to assist vulnerable children attend summer camps and recreational activities. The Board reciprocated with a certificate of appreciation and hand-crafted thank-you cards from children who previously attended camp. The Tzu-Chi Foundation has provided bursaries to SD43 for a number of years to assist vulnerable children.

October 5 is World Teachers' Day, as declared by UNESCO and proclaimed by the Board of Education. This year's theme is "Teachers for Gender Equality". The Coquitlam Teachers' Association invited trustees and staff to join them for a barbecue at the CTA office site.

Principal Perry Muxworthy, Chair of the United Way Campaign, sought the Board's support in proclaiming October 18-26 as the 2011-2012 United Way Campaign. Last year, district employees donated just under \$45,000.

## **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

Superintendent Tom Grant noted the following events and initiatives:

- Various Pro-D events and welcome back meeting at the end of August
- Another successful Summer Learning Program and International Education Summer School
- Coquitlam RCMP Junior Mountie Camp Open House
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Hog Wild About Reading – Motorcycle Ride for Literacy Sept. 18
- Thank you letters received from the Make it Write Campaign following the Vancouver riots
- Student Ariana Vaisey received a rare full scholarship to attend Lester B. Pearson United World College in Victoria

The 2010-2011 Audited Financial Statements were adopted.

## NEW BUSINESS

Gary Holtz, Acting Secretary-Treasurer, provided a report on the Full Day Kindergarten modulars, building additions and student drop-off improvements.

He also elaborated on a playground announcement from the Ministry, whereby four of our middle schools - Citadel, Como Lake, Kwayhquitlum and Maillard – will each receive \$50,000 from the Ministry in provincial funding for new playgrounds.

It will be eight weeks before the fire-damaged playground at Birchland will be replaced. The total cost of damage from the vandalism was over \$30,000. Director of International Education, Patricia Gartland, provided a presentation on the many activities of the International Ed division, including a very successful summer program.

## CALENDAR PLANNING

Among the various commitments of the trustees, the Board plans to meet with partner groups and the MLAs over the next few weeks.



### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Regular Board Meeting

October 4, 2011

7:30 p.m.

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550 Poirier Street

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