

Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting of May 14, 2019

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 On May 10, 2019, the Province of British Columbia and the Ministry of Education announced additional funding for a new elementary school in Coquitlam's Burke Mountain and additional classrooms to accommodate the growing enrollment in Coquitlam.

Premier John Horgan, Minister of Education Rob Fleming, MLA Rick Glumac, Board Chair Barb Hobson, Superintendent Patricia Gartland and Trustees were present during the event.

The Government of B.C. is providing \$67.6 million to build a new, 430-seat elementary school on Sheffield Avenue in Burke Mountain, as well as expansions at the following schools:

- Dr. Charles Best Secondary, \$8.4 million, 150 new seats
- École Panorama Heights Elementary, \$6.2 million, 90 new seats
- Westwood Elementary, \$5.7 million, 150 new seats

The Coquitlam School District is providing an additional \$5 million toward the cost of the new Burke Mountain school, which has a total budget of \$52.3 million and is expected to be open in 2021.

2. On May 13, the Board of Education was invited to dinner at the residence of Consul General Chung of the Republic of Korea. In attendance were Board Chair Barb Hobson, Vice-Chair Christine Pollock and Trustees Lisa Park, Michael Thomas and Jennifer Blatherwick. Also present was Republic of Korea Education Consul Jun along with Superintendent Patricia Gartland, Secretary Treasurer Chris Nicolls and Principal of International Education Geoffrey Johnston.





3. School District 43 hosted yet another successful 6th annual KidSport Charity Golf tournament on May 5th, 2019. The participants from the event raised \$29,000 for KidSport Tricities.









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- 4. School District 43 students spent their pro-d day learning more about teamwork, leadership and confidence at the Student Leadership Conference at Scott Creek Middle School held on April 26, 2019. Speakers invited were Dave Jonsson, Olympian Evan Dunfee and Alvin Law.
- Gleneagle grade 12 student Janelle Feng and grade 11 student Diane Huang won first place at the Young Reporters for the Environment National Competition, a competition to help inspire youth to seek out solutions to current environmental issues.
 - Student Janelle Feng won first place for her video on plastic packaging in grocery stores while student Diane Huang won for two articles on disposing menstrual products.



 Centennial Secondary Leadership Students organized the Anti-Bullying Showcase Fundraiser event on May 1st, 2019 and raised \$1200 for Kids Help Phone.



7. Over 125 students participated in the event and learned more about music during the district pro-d day at the District Elementary Honour Choir day organized by the Music Teachers Association at Cape Horn Elementary on May 10, 2019.









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8. School District 43 students placed first out of 50 teams across the province at the Provincial Finals YELL Venture Challenge for Young Entrepreneurs held on May 7, 2019 at Simon Fraser University's Wosk Centre for Dialogue.

Students who participated were Andy Nguyen and Isabela Moise from Port Moody Secondary School, Daniel Shmidov from Terry Fox Secondary School and Taryn Wou from Dr. Charles Best Secondary School.



9. Terry Fox Secondary Rock School students are performing Rock the Fox, a three-day concert on May 14, 15 and 16 at 7:00 pm. Proceeds from Rock the Fox go to the Rock School and recording arts programs, which are supported by Long & McQuade in Port Coquitlam and MusiCounts.



Terry Fox Junior Track athletes won the District Championships on May 13, 2019.
Students won the junior girls, boys and overall category. Students Jacob Wadhwani and Sophia Gribbon won aggregate awards.



11. The Terry Fox Secondary Concert Band won gold and the Choir won silver at the Whistler Cantando Festival on May 1st, 2019.



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