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Community Celebrates Glen Elementary Addition

Students, employees, parents, district leadership, and community members gathered at École Glen Elementary on Friday, June 22, 2018 for the official opening ceremony celebrating their new addition.

Glen Principal Nicole Daneault presided over the event attended by School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) Board of Education Chair Kerri Palmer Isaak, Vice-Chair Michael Thomas, Trustees Carol Cahoon, Chuck Denison, Barb Hobson, Judy Shirra, Superintendent Patricia Gartland, other district leadership, school staff, students, parents and others.

The celebration began in the morning with a formal ceremony in the school's gymnasium where speeches were made to the attendees by Board Chair Palmer Isaak, Superintendent Gartland, and Principal Daneault. This was followed by a student musical performance and guest tours of the addition.

The school district's Board of Education funded the new two-storey, four-classroom addition which opened to students at the start of the school year to meet the growing enrolment needs of this fast-growing region of Coquitlam. The addition provides 90 student spaces to the school (40 for kindergarten and 50 for grades 1 to 5) that was seismically replaced in 2010.

The new state-of-the-art school building opened as a seismic replacement to the previous school. It was intentionally designed as a leading-edge green school featuring natural lighting and energy efficiencies, among other features to reduce its environmental impact.

The addition was also intentionally designed to encourage and provide for flexible learning, collaboration, and critical thinking skills – key elements of the redesigned curriculum and 21st century learning skills.

Quotes

Kerri Palmer Isaak, School District 43 Board of Education Chair

"It was very important to our Board of Education to fund this addition at École Glen Elementary School and we were thrilled to officially open it today. We are delighted to tour the addition and see how it is positively supporting the students who learn here in this growing area of Coquitlam over the coming years."

Patricia Gartland, School District 43 Superintendent of Schools

"Our Board and school district believe it is important that we proactively plan to meet ever-changing enrolment patterns, and when we do, that we create innovative learning spaces that support our exceptional students and employees. With Glen Elementary and its new addition, we have succeeded in doing just that."

Event Pictures





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