



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

*News from the April 30, 2013
School Board Meeting*

Our Mission:

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

Melissa Hyndes

Board Chair

Holly Butterfield

Board Vice-Chair

Gail Alty

John J. Keryluk

Brian Robinson

Judy Shirra

Diane Sowden

Gerri Wallis

Keith Watkins

Tom Grant

Superintendent of Schools

Tom Grant

Acting Secretary-Treasurer

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Suwa'lkh Learning Centre and Children of the Street Society

SD43 Middle and Secondary School Science Fairs

Summit Middle VP Devon Ross, teachers and students from various middle and secondary schools.

PUBLIC BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- Simon Fraser Society for Community Living
- Coquitlam Teachers' Association
- District Parent Advisory Council
- Staff Development Department
- Student Services – Teaching & Evaluation program
- CUPE Local 561
- High Ability Classroom Initiative for Middle Schools
- French Immersion Program
- Canadian Parents for French, Tri-Cities Chapter
- CUPE Local 561 – Youth Workers

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant reported on a number of events and initiatives:

- Congratulations to Melanie Stokes of Gleneagle Secondary, named the 2013 recipient of the Canadian Society for Education in Art
- Melanie Mattson of Centennial Secondary, whose Fish and Wildlife 11/12 class received a \$10,000 grant from the Habitat and Conservation Trust Fund
- A student of the Inquiry Hub, or iHub, was successful in securing a \$5,000 grant to build a community garden. This was created as a neighbourhood project
- Charles Best student Selin Jessin, who advanced to the international BioGENE-ius Challenge in Chicago, placed 4th in the world for her science research work
- The Aboriginal Education Department's Celebration of Aboriginal Culture 24-hour Drum Event May 3-4
- Montgomery Middle School's 50th Anniversary May 2

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Tom Grant reported out on the 2013-14 Operating Budget. Various measures were outlined to address a \$12 million budget shortfall, including the reduction of 142 positions.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Holly Butterfield served notice of a motion regarding the establishment of a Partner Presidents Budget Committee.

BCSTA ITEMS

Trustee Gail Alty reported that the BC School Trustees' Association Provincial Council met April 28 and passed the budget. The BCSTA AGM was deferred to the next meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustees Gerri Wallis, Holly Butterfield and Judy Shirra attended a dynamic Student Leadership Conference session in which every school was represented.



Mark Your Calendar!

Regular Board Meeting

Tues., May 7, 2013
7:30 pm
Winslow Centre
Gallery Room
1100 Winslow Ave,
Coquitlam

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