



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the June 12, 2012  
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  
John J. Keryluk  
Brian Robinson  
Diane Sowden  
Gerri Wallis  
Keith Watkins

**Tom Grant**  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**Rick Humphreys**  
*Secretary-Treasurer*

## DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Susan Foster, Coordinator – Tri-Cities Early Childhood Development Community Accord.

Andrew Pottinger – on behalf of Jillian Hull and Phil Boname/West Port Moody Property Owners – campaign to establish a Western Station on the Evergreen Line.

Joyce Fordyce, Manager of Recreation City of Coquitlam – requested a Board resolution for the City of Coquitlam bid for 2016 or 2018 BC Summer Games.

## DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

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

- June 1 sod-turning of new middle school in Anmore
- Commencement/leaving ceremonies
- Congratulations to the Board for its part in successfully advocating for funding of additional core courses for graduated adults
- Several students were awarded bursaries and scholarships at the annual Coquitlam Foundation Awards Night. Trustee Diane Sowden was recognized for her past service on the Foundation
- Collaboration with the Coquitlam Teachers' Association has led to the formation of a tentative spending plan for the Learning Improvement Fund
- In a partnership with the City of Port Coquitlam, ICBC and the RCMP, Central Community School students handed out "tickets" they created themselves to thank motorists for driving safely in a school zone, or to remind others that students need to get to school safely
- 28 middle and secondary students from SD43 qualified to participate in the BC Winter Games held in Vernon in February. A total of 13 medals were awarded to our students.
- Kudos to the 100 students from Gleneagle Secondary, for participating in the Coquitlam leg of the RCMP Torch Run June 6 in support of BC's Special Olympics
- Board office staff raised \$360 in pennies (and other forms of cash) to assist Port Moody students in their quest to raise \$10,000 to build a school in Sierra Leone

Secretary-Treasurer Rick Humphreys reported on proceedings at the BC Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Conference:

- the Educational Resource Acquisition Consortium (ERAC) has a new director
- new resource bundles have been created
- the BC Electronic Student Information System (BCeSIS) is seeking a new provider, so a request for proposals will go out in the fall

The Minister of Education has made an announcement on increased funding for playgrounds

## EDUCATION

Staff Development Coordinators Don Gordon, Heather Daly and Jill Reid outlined the draft District Achievement Contract/District Literacy Plan. The trio was pleased to report that SD43 has achieved the highest-ever school completion rate – 90.6%!

The Board of Education approved the creation of a number of for-credit courses including: Chess 12. 3D Game Design 12; Foundations of Inquiry 11; Applications of Digital Literacy 10; Travel Languages 11; Rugby Coaching 10, 11 and 12.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustees discussed the creation of a new dog park, currently being constructed adjacent to Glen Elementary School. The Board moved that the City of Coquitlam, at their cost, install a 6-foot high fence at a safe distance from the existing fence, and that it be made of a material that does not allow a clear site-line between the dogs and children, for the safety of both parties; and that the City rescind its plan to discourage parent parking and drop-off in the parking are adjacent to the south-west corner of the Glen Elementary School property.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Board updated Policy 7 – Board Operations.

Trustees confirmed their School Liaison assignments.

The Board received and accepted a report on Bill 33- Class Size and Composition. Trustees thanked Assistant Superintendent Sylvia Russell and HR staff for their many hours of work in completing the report. The District will need to adopt a new process based on the direction provided in the new Bill 22.

## BCSTA ITEMS

Trustee Keith Watkins was recognized by the BC School Trustees' Association for his 18 years as a Trustee, while Trustee John J. Keryluk was recognized for his 12 years.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Gerri Wallis reported on the Board/City of Coquitlam Liaison Committee meeting. Items discussed: Centennial Secondary re-build, a presentation on MDI/EDI, free compost workshops to schools, BC Summer Games Bid, joint-use playing field agreements and the need to formalize them.

Vice-Chair Judy Shirra reported on the Board/City of Port Coquitlam Liaison Committee meeting. Items discussed: MDI/EDI report, traffic congestion around Blakeburn Elementary and Citadel Middle, green waste education.

Trustee Diane Sowden attended the DPAC AGM whereby Heidi Gable was re-elected as president and all executive positions were filled. Also, Superintendent Tom Grant attended the DPAC meeting and reported on new school construction. Human Resources Director Jamie Ross and HR manager Michelle Cehak explained the teacher layoff/recall process, and the Principal/Vice-Principal hiring process.



### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 2012  
7:30 pm  
Board Office  
550 Poirier St., Coquitlam

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