



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

# ***The Board Update***

*News from the November 6, 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*

### **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

Assistant Superintendent Reno Ciolfi reported on a number of district events and initiatives:

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on the Holocaust takes place Nov. 7 at Coquitlam Alliance Church. More than 700 students will participate
- Nov. 7 is also annual Take Our Kids to Work Day, whereby grade 9 students have an opportunity to shadow a parent at his/her work site
- Schools will be out on Mon., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> in observance of Remembrance Day. Schools throughout the district held a number of events and assemblies
- A number of community agencies including SD43 will host a Youth Suicide Community Forum Wed., Nov. 14 from 6:00 – 9:00 at the Terry Fox Theatre
- Supt. Tom Grant will be a panel member at the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce 2012 Leadership form for Students Nov. 14 at the Douglas College lecture Hall
- Teacher/Staff Development Coordinator Greg Miyanaga, developer of The Bright Lights Gallery, a resource that explores interesting teaching practices and innovations in the classroom, has broadened the circulation of the blog to the public

Secretary-Treasurer Rick Humphreys noted a letter from James Gorman, Deputy Minister (Education Ministry), outlining Ministry expectations with regard to disposal of surplus school land.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board of Education moved to proceed with the next step in the process of rezoning the lots at Parkland Elementary School bordering Como Lake Ave., and that the district, school, community and city review the usage of the school property to develop a more effective utilization for the provision of education programs.

### **BCSTA ITEMS/BUSINESS**

The Board acknowledged the pending retirement of BC School Trustees' Association (BCSTA) lawyer Judith Clark. Trustees noted Ms. Clark's outstanding service to boards around the province and will write a letter of gratitude to her, and wish her a happy retirement.

In other business, the BCSTA has requested feedback from the various provincial councilors on its draft budget.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Brian Robinson enjoyed Mary Hill Elementary's Musical Review, and the Teachers' Art Exhibit at the Evergreen Cultural Centre.

Trustees Holly Butterfield and John Keryluk attended a presentation by the VSO at Centennial Secondary.

A number of trustees hosted the annual Employee Long-Term Recognition ceremony, held Oct. 25.



### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Next Regular Board Meeting

Tues., Nov. 20, 2012  
7:30 pm

Board Office Board Room  
550 Poirier St.  
Coquitlam BC

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