



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

# ***The Board Update***

*News from the February 26, 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**

Public input re: 2012-14 Budget:

CUPE Local 561 – Dave Ginter, President

Coquitlam Teachers' Association (CTA) –Chris King, Vice-President

Coquitlam Principals' – Vice-Principals' Association (CPVPA) - Rob Foot, President

### **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

Superintendent Tom Grant noted a number of events and initiatives:

- registrations and cross-boundary applications
- new school naming contest
- district student logo contest
- Coquitlam School District is among the top 3 districts in the province in **6-year school completion rates**, at an impressive 89.8%.
- Tomorrow marks the annual **Bully Awareness/Pink Shirt Day**. The Terry Fox Leadership class has coordinated their production of "*The Bullying Games*", with over 40 student cast members from across the District who range in age from 12-17. There will be a number of free school shows at the Terry Fox Theatre from April 9-12 during the day, and three paid shows on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- In conjunction with the production, the Leadership students also produced pink "*Love is Louder than Bullying*" shirts, which will be worn by hundreds of students and staff throughout the district tomorrow as a part of Pink Shirt Day, to raise awareness about bullying. Also – several schools will amass at Gleneagle Secondary tomorrow to participate in the "Kindness Rocks" presentations.
- A successful **Code Red lockdown drill** took place at Gleneagle Secondary yesterday. The entire drill lasted 15 minutes and was followed by a brief assembly conducted by Cst. Patrick Mehain to talk about the importance of such drills. There will be a number of Code Yellow and Code Red drills happening throughout March.
- **The Enchantment Project fundraising evening** was another great success this year, with the total funds reaching over \$6,000. Thank you to everyone for your continued support of this amazing evening. The Enchantment Evening will take place on March 13 at Heritage Woods Secondary.
- Another upcoming youth event is the **iStand Youth Summit** on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, which will be happening at the Inn at the Quay in New Westminster. SD43 is co-hosting the summit with School District #40, the City of New Westminster and the City of Coquitlam, and the event aims to increase the awareness of mental health in youth, decrease stigma towards mental illnesses and increase connections between youth.
- BC Hydro has approached the district to use the very back portion of the Moody field for storage of gravel while helicopter-assisted Hydro pole installation takes place up the wooded slope behind the school. The fly days will be March 20 and 21, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. All necessary permits and safety precautions will be in place.

In his capacity as Acting Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Grant provided an update on the budget process, and the cost reductions plans to address the current \$5 million deficit.

## EDUCATION

Dave Taylor, Director of Student Services and staff members, reported out on the many valuable roles that Student Services staff play with students, parents and partners.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Proposed calendar changes for 2013-14.

## NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the Carbon Neutral Capital Program Bylaw, to ensure that SD43 receives the full allotment of Carbon Neutral Capital Plan funds of \$328,650.

Dave Sands, Principal of Energy & sustainability, also introduced Poroshat Assadian, the District's new Energy Specialist, whose position is funded by a Fortis BC grant.

The Board adopted the 2012-13 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw, reflecting actual student enrolment, associated staffing levels and costs, and the incorporation of \$5 million in previously identified savings to reduce the projected deficit.

## BCSTA ITEMS

Trustee Gail Alty reported on Deputy Minister James Gorman's report, a new director for the Teacher Regulation Branch, and the BCSTA draft budget.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS

Judy Shirra attended the BC Public Service Employers' Association meeting.

Brian Robinson reported out on the most recent SD43/City of Coquitlam Liaison Meeting, where discussion items included traffic issues at Eagle Ridge Elementary, the dog park adjoining Glen Elementary, and the public works yard.

Gerri Wallis, along with Chair Hyndes and Trustees Shirra and Keryluk, enjoyed the grand opening of James Park Elementary. Trustee Wallis was impressed with the calibre of speeches at the Coquitlam River Public Speaking event, and she attended the Student Leadership Council meeting.



### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Next Regular Board Meeting

Tues., Mar. 5, 2013  
7:30 pm

Board Office Boardroom  
550 Poirier St.  
Coquitlam BC

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