



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

The Board Update

News from the June 26, 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

The Board responded a previous presenter – Andrew Pottinger, West Port Moody Property Owners, who presented regarding the Evergreen Line – Western Station. The Board noted that his concerns would be best addressed with the City of Port Moody and Translink.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted a number of events and initiatives, while thanking all for the exemplary work they do on a daily basis:

- Commencements, school leaving ceremonies, science fairs, year-end field trips
- Scott Creek Grade 8 student Kevin Wu was the provincial winner in the Canada Day Poster Challenge
- Registration for the Summer Learning Program has been very brisk – registration up considerably over last year
- The Welcome Back meeting for administrators, coordinators, managers and Trustees will be held Thursday, August 23 at Heritage Woods Secondary
- Trustees viewed a video presentation of Terry Fox Secondary's new skill saws that feature a "saw stop" – an ultra-sensitive sensor that stops the blade from cutting fingers

Secretary-Treasurer Rick Humphreys relayed a Ministry announcement of the funding of new playground equipment for Meadowbrook Elementary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board responded to Joyce Fordyce, Manager of Recreation for the City of Coquitlam, who presented at the June 12 meeting, and further moved to support, on a cost-recovery basis, Coquitlam's bid to host either the 2016 or 2018 BC Summer Games. The Board will provide a grant of \$200,000 in-kind to the Coquitlam BC Summer Games Society to assist in the provision of accommodation and the hosting of events.

BCSTA ITEMS

Board Chair Melissa Hyndes and Vice-Chair Judy Shirra will attend the Canadian School Board Association's annual conference in Quebec City this summer.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chair Shirra enjoyed attending CABA's graduation. Trustees attended, and spoke at, various commencement ceremonies held over May and June.

Next Board Meeting

July/August—at the call of the Chair

Tues., Sept. 11, 2012

7:30 pm

Board Office, 550 Poirier St., Coquitlam