



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

# ***The Board Update***

*News from the November 20, 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**

Stephanie Owen, Program Manager of the Children of the Street Society, provided an overview of last year's initiatives with youth, including 113 workshops in SD43 schools, and outlined the coming year's activities.

### **DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

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

- First formal reports cards of the year go out in November
- To date, there are over 1,000 responses to a district Social Media Use Survey
- The Premier formally launched the ERASE Anti-Bullying Initiative
- Through the final allotment from the School Community Connections Program, \$12,500 in funding and an additional grant of \$5,000 has been approved for construction of Birchland Elementary's natural playground
- Thanks to the Big Brothers of Greater Vancouver for their continued commitment to the In-School Mentoring Program.
- Kudos to the organizers of the 2012 AAA High School Girls Field Hockey Provincial Championships held Nov. 14-16 at Coquitlam Town Centre Park

### **EDUCATION**

Members of the District Education Technology Advisory Committee provided an update, via a PowerPoint presentation, of various technology initiatives in the district.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board received revisions to Administrative Procedure 112 – Advisory Committees.

### **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee Holly Butterfield attended a Student Leadership Council meeting and she enjoyed a tour of the Vanier Centre, which houses a number of alternative programs.

### **Next Regular Board Meeting**

Tues., Dec. 11, 2012  
7:30 pm  
Board Office  
550 Poirier St.  
Coquitlam BC