



School District No. 43 (Coquitlam)

# The Board Update

News from the September 27, 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

McCreary Society Survey – Annie Smith, Executive Director, McCreary Society presented.

The Board recognized the outstanding donation by Staples, who supplied a considerable volume of school supplies to vulnerable students in our district. Framed artwork was presented to Jana Nimmo, General Manager of Staples, by Chair Melissa Hyndes and Superintendent Tom Grant.

United Way Campaign Committee rep Mike McGlen presented on this year’s United Way employee contribution campaign. The Board proclaimed October 22 as the launch of the United Way Campaign.

## RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

The Board responded to Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, who presented at the Sept. 11, 2012 Board meeting.

## DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Tom Grant noted various events and initiatives such as the Hog Wild for Literacy Ride; Annual Coquitlam Crunch Challenge; Cops for Cancer; Brandon Taylor, a Banting Middle student in this year’s Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s Ambassador; Terry Fox National School Run Day for Cancer Research.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brian Kuhn, Manager of Information Services, provided the Board with a status report and forecast for the district’s Private Fibre/Qnet and Network Optimization projects approved previously as part of its network infrastructure plan.

## NEW BUSINESS

To help strengthen the link between SD43 and the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce’s youth initiatives including work experience opportunities, a Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties was drafted for Board ratification.

The Board approved partnering with the City of Port Coquitlam for the 2012 School Community Connections Grant in order to build an additional play/fitness structure at Birchland Elementary School.



**Mark Your Calendar!**

### Regular Board

#### Meeting

Tues., October 2, 2012  
7:30 pm  
Board Office Board  
Room  
550 Poirier St.  
Coquitlam BC

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