

SECONDARY INSTRUCTIONS

MR. E. BALL - Director of Secondary Instructions

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History of Mr. Ball's Career

Richmond Junior Senior Secondary School (present site of Cambie School)

- Sept/43 - Mr. Ball on staff
- Mr. Roy McNeil, Principal
 - Dr. I. MacDougal, Vice-Principal
 - 600 students - Grades 7 - 12
 - 26 teachers (13 new teachers to school district)

R. M. Grauer

- Sept/48 - Mr. Ball, Principal
- School not ready for opening for 4 months
 - Only 6 classes first year
 - Most accommodated at Lord Byng (Milt Windrum Principal)

Sept/49 - School almost fully occupied

In 50's - Subsequent annexes:-

Thompson Annex - presently Thompson Elementary School
Blundell Annex - presently Blundell Elementary School

- never did physically exist as part of Grauer
- the year it was attached to Grauer the classes functioned on shift at Grauer

Steveston Senior Secondary School

Sept/57 - Mr. Ball became Principal - explains grade changes during 1957 - 1965

Richmond Senior Secondary School

Sept/65 - Mr. Ball became Principal

- Initially school was Senior Matric. in 1965 - subsequently just Grades 11 & 12

Director of Secondary Education

Succeeded Mr. McNeil in 1968

Changes - 1943 - 1975

- 1943 - The Secretary Treasurer was the only person employed in the School Board office.
- Mr. Bouden was the Secretary Treasurer, handling all matters pertaining to the School Board business including his own typing.

School Superintendent

- There was not a resident Superintendent.
- Mr. V. Z. Manning was the Inspector for Richmond as one of many districts he visited.
 - his office was in downtown Vancouver
 - visited Richmond on a consultive basis.
- Expansion in accordance with the population to the present time where there is now a Superintendent of Schools with a large staff.
 - many in charge of educational responsibilities
 - many in charge of School Board administration

Transportation

- Gives reasons for bussing - examples of Richmond Secondary School and also the boundries of R. M. Grauer Elementary.

Parent Teacher Association (P.T.A.) - at R. M. Grauer

- At that time (1948) school district grants very limited, and if schools were to have more than bare essentials, the P.T.A. acquired same - examples of radio record-player purchased for the school.
- Active P.T.A. to benefit school and students.
- P.T.A. sponsored or were associated with many activities - examples.
- In recent years -
 - not much response to P.T.A.
 - presently a revitalization of parent involvement.

Student Involvement

- Student Councils - were elected but involved very few students although carried a fair amount of weight.

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Student Involvement - continued

- Student Committees
 - giving advice and being consulted
 - more student involvement
 - particularly true of secondary level
 - students today appear to be more concerned

Duties of Director of Secondary Instruction

- In charge of handling oversight of educational matters pertaining to Junior & Secondary schools of the district - 9 schools:
 - 3 Seniors - Grades 11 & 12
 - 6 Juniors - Grades 8, 9 & 10
- 900 students per school, average. (600 - 1100 students in each school).

In Office

- Secondary Consultant
- Supervisor of Music)
- Supervisor of P.E.) Also responsible for Elementary education
- 11 part time subject co-ordinators - introduced September, 1974 - explains
- Facilities of special services and pupil personnel division (under Bob Scales).

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