

**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

**REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM**

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

Chair:

Vice-Chair

Trustees:

Michael Thomas
Carol Cahoon
Jennifer Blatherwick
Barb Hobson
Kerri Palmer Isaak
Lisa Park
Christine Pollock
Keith Watkins
Craig Woods

Administration:

Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Assistant Superintendents

Patricia Gartland
Mohammed Azim
Carey Chute
Reno Ciolfi
Gerald Shong
Robert Zambrano
Ivano Cecchini
Randy Manhas
Nita Mikl

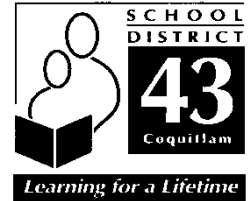
Executive Director, Facilities & Planning Services
Executive Director, Human Resources
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer,
Corporate and Financial Services
Director of Instruction
Director of Instruction
Assistant Director of Communications and
Community Relations
Executive Assistant
Recording Secretary

Paul McNaughton
Stephen Whiffin

Ken Hoff
Jennifer Toderas
Colleen Stavert

Michael Thomas, Chair, reviewed the process of the Public Board meeting – Budget and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Acknowledgment of Territory was expressed by Trustee Watkins.



*Our mission is to ensure
quality learning opportunities
for all students of all ages*

PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF TERRITORY**

The Chair asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda.

PALMER ISAAK / HOBSON moved acceptance of the agenda.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

As the meeting was virtual introductions were not made.

Michael Thomas, Chair, presented on the National Day of Mourning, the importance of health and safety in the workplace and the impact that death and serious injury to workers has on families and the community. Flags at SD43 schools and facilities, and across the country, will be lowered to half-mast on April 28, 2022, to mark this important day.

There were no education matters to report.

The Chair asked if there were any amendments to the consent agenda, which included the following items:

- a) Approval of April 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Trustee Calendar Planning Report for Information
- c) Trustee Reports for Information

POLLOCK / CAHOON moved approval of the consent agenda.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A copy of the Trustee Reports is attached to the official minutes.

There were no responses to previous delegations.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

INTRODUCTIONS

- a) Partner Groups
- b) DLT

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent, provided a report on news and events including SD43's Student Leadership Council virtual conference on April 22, Indigenous Focus Day on April 22, Centennial Secondary's new turf field and scoreboard fundraising campaign, Terry Fox Secondary's recent literary challenge, and the National Day of Mourning which will occur on April 28, to remember Canadians who have died, been disabled, or injured in the workplace. All schools in the district will fly their flags at half-mast and will be observing a minute of silence on April 28, at 11:00 am.

A copy of the Superintendent's News & Events report is attached to the official minutes.

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent, provided updates regarding elementary school year end leaving ceremonies, and a statement from the BC Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport on Vancouver being confirmed as a candidate host city for the FIFA World Cup 2026.

The Superintendent also provided updates regarding support for the children of displaced Ukrainian families arriving in BC. Displaced Ukrainians arriving with visas issued under the federal Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) will now have access to date-of-arrival Medical Services Plan (MSP) coverage. They will also have access to more community programs as BC expands the Service BC phone line to include the bc211 service (multilingual service that connects people to free social supports, services and community programs). Children are eligible for enrolment in SD43 schools.

The Superintendent commented on the Indigenous-focused Grade 12 requirement. Students graduating in the 2023-2024 school year will require that 4 credits of the current 80 credit requirements for the BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma) include an Indigenous-focused course(s).

The Superintendent also reported the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction announced new regulation beginning Sept. 1, 2022, that public-sector organizations will start to establish accessibility committees, plans, and public-feedback mechanisms to help organizations become more accessible for people with disabilities.

The Superintendent provided feedback from the Deputy Minister of Education and Child Care, regarding the Framework For Enhancing Student Learning (FFESL) Peer Review Report. This process brought together multiple perspectives to review districts' continuous improvement and strategic plans

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

a) Superintendent Report i) News & Events

ii) Superintendent's Update

to provide constructive feedback for all 60 school districts' consideration. The Peer Review report focused on three key areas: school, district and provincial data; strategic engagement; and alignment of planning efforts with goals.

A trustee inquiry about the enrolment of displaced Ukrainian children in schools and associated Ministry funding was responded to.

A Trustee's inquiries regarding pre-existing courses that fulfill the Indigenous-focused Grade 12 requirement, Indigenous coursework for parents, and the prompt reception of displaced Ukrainians were responded to.

A Trustee's inquiries about the amount of work/accountability for FFESL reporting, and the delay of the Provincial literacy and numeracy graduation assessments were responded to.

A copy of the Superintendent's memo is attached to the official minutes.

Mohammed Azim, Secretary-Treasurer, provided recognition for all those involved with the preliminary draft budget. Any future changes to the preliminary budget will be reflected in the amended budget in the Fall 2022.

Nita Mikl, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer provided background information and reported that the 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw is in the required Ministry format.

Ms. Mikl presented details regarding the budgetary process and key aspects of the budget incorporated decisions that:

- Considered the multiple interests of all stakeholders with a need to maintain a financially healthy District and create budget certainty through the usage of accumulated reserves.
- Limit the impact of grant underfunding and reduced international education revenues while continuing to provide support for vulnerable learners and maximize resources for student success.
- Provide financial transparency, governance and accountability in the budget process and making decisions within a framework that is guided by and aligned with Directions 2025.

Trustee questions regarding the following topics were responded to:

- addition of 10 teaching positions back into the budget

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw

- impact this year's budget will have on the surplus policy in the future/multi-year plan
- expectations for the amended budget
- changes to provincial online learning in schools (funding model review)
- transition from course-by-course to block funding

Trustees provided recognition to staff and stakeholders for their work in relation to the preliminary budget.

CAHOON / WATKINS moved to hold all three readings and have all three readings, final passage, and adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$419,474,471 at this meeting.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

HOBSON / WOODS moved first reading of the 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$419,474,471.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

BLATHERWICK / POLLOCK moved second reading of the 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$419,474,471.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

WOODS / PALMER ISAAK moved third and final reading, final passage, and adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw in the amount of \$419,474,471.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A copy of the 2022/23 Annual Budget Memo and Bylaw are attached to the official minutes.

At 8:00 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

There were no trustee questions.

a) 2021/22 Annual
Budget Bylaw
(continued)

QUESTION PERIOD

a) Trustees

There were no questions from the gallery.

b) Gallery

There was no new business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no notices of motion.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no items of trustee business.

**ITEMS OF TRUSTEE
BUSINESS**

At 8:01 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no trustee questions.

a) Trustees

There were no questions from the gallery.

b) Gallery

PALMER ISAAK / HOBSON moved to adjourn the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

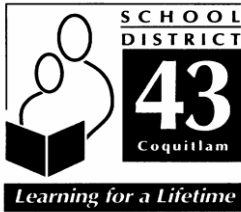
ADJOURNMENT

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer



BOARD OF EDUCATION

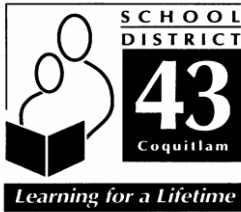
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Mental Health Task Force

Trustee Kerri Palmer Isaak chaired and participated in the above meeting, on April 14, 2022, and presents the following report for information:

- We will continue with our presentations from the stakeholder members in attendance. We had presentations from: SD43, Fraser Health and City of Port Coquitlam at our last meeting. The goal of the presentations is to share with the other members the services that are currently being provided. Having a better understanding of what each organization delivers will help the task force understand and recognize the complex challenges we face as we look for opportunities to better serve the mental health needs of our communities.
- The task force has requested a presentation by the RCMP, and Port Moody Police be added so they may have feedback and ask questions. A letter has been sent on behalf of the Task Force with an invitation to both organizations to meet and present.
- We will continue to discuss the goals and tangible outcomes of the task force. We would like to engage in another discussion, after we have concluded the presentations, looking to fine tune and form more specific outcomes. Our target date for this discussion will be our June meeting.
- We are requesting administrative assistance from the partner groups.
- Attendance is noted in the minutes.

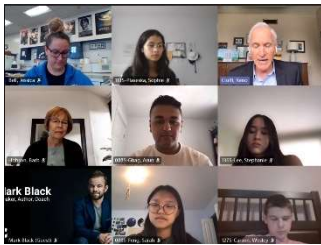
Minutes from previous meeting approved and attached



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
TRUSTEE REPORT
April 26, 2022**

Trustee Lisa Park participated in the following activities, events and meetings:

- April 11, 2022 – SD43 ELC Tour, SD43 Education Learning Centre
- April 12, 2022 - In Camera Meeting and In Service Board Meeting, Microsoft Teams Meeting
- April 12, 2022 - Public Board Meeting, Zoom Meeting
- April 19, 2022 - In Camera Meeting and In Service Board Meeting, Microsoft Teams Meeting
- April 19, 2022 – Special Public Board Meeting, Zoom Meeting



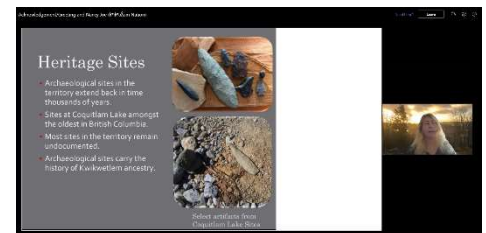
1. On April 22nd, SD43's Student Leadership Council hosted a virtual Leadership Conference inspiring over 40 middle and secondary school students to live a more courageous, positive, and collaborative life. Trustee Barb Hobson also attended.

This year's theme of the leadership conference is "Become your best self". The event kicked off with a song from Heritage Woods Secondary School student, Tyson Venegas, followed by a brief introduction speech by Assistant Superintendent, Reno Ciolfi.

Students were inspired with lessons from keynote speaker Mark Black, who discussed how changing our focus changes our future, Move for Inclusion founder Nick Foley, who shared how to show up, be enthusiastic, ask questions and serve the community, former SLC Chair and Gleneagle Secondary School graduate Jay Hamidov, who discussed growing pains and being okay with vulnerability and Young Women of Power Founder Alison Springer, who encouraged students to be open to receive compliments and shift into having a positive mindset.

2. On April 22nd, the Indigenous Education Department organized the Indigenous Focus Day on the theme of "Connecting to Mother Earth through story and traditional knowledge".

Speakers Nancy Joe, a cultural advisor from kʷikʷəłəm First Nation, discussed connections to the land and kʷikʷəłəm history, Holly Bikadi, Lil'wat Nation Author, presented on her connection to Indigenous plant knowledge through personal story and Nicola I. Campbell, Ntɛʔkepmx, Syilx, and Métis author shared her connection to the land including a reading from Stand Like a Cedar and poetry. Schools also had the opportunity to explore through discussion and activities that supported the keynote presentation. Staff also developed their own connections to the day to continue learning about local Indigenous history and ways of knowing.



3. On April 4th, Centennial Secondary School played their first home game on campus since 2011 with a senior girls' soccer team victory. An official opening ceremony is planned for early June.

The school is currently running a fundraising campaign for a community score board to complement the new field. The new score board will be used for football, soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey. The goal for the fundraising campaign is to raise \$60,000 in 90 days.



To help present and future Centennial athletes and students, community members can donate to the [SD43 Education Foundation page here](https://www.sd43.bc.ca/education/foundation).



4. On April 22nd, Terry Fox Secondary School's Leos Club spent their Pro-D Day, which was also Earth Day, collecting 20 lbs of trash at the Lions Park in Port Coquitlam. Well done students on cleaning up our community and inspiring others to take more action!

5. On April 21st, École Dr. Charles Best Secondary School's Socials 9 students were honoured to participate in a dialogue with Kwikwetlem Chief Ed Hall. Chief Hall spoke on the importance of establishing relationships between communities and how the younger generation has an important role in reconciliation. He also expressed his gratitude to Socials 9 students who advocated for the renaming of Dewdney Trunk Road, calling them his 'heroes' for engaging in such important work.



6. Unplug to Read is a weeklong challenge led by Terry Fox Secondary School students, Julia Robledano, Samantha Craig, Dana Caesar and Abby Morrison to help promote literacy within in the school community.

Teachers Ms. Pagliaro and Ms. Mazzucco first pitched the concept to the grade 12 students, who then took the idea and created a challenge where students earned points each time they read for 15 minutes or more.



A total of 783 students and 34 teachers from 16 schools from across the district took part in the reading event for a combined total of 40,956 minutes read!

Congratulations to Madison Hart, from Terry Fox Secondary School for being the top student who read 1740 minutes during the week and to the following winners who received a \$500 donation to their school library:

- Elementary School – Harbour View Elementary School
- Middle School – Maple Creek Middle School
- Secondary School – Terry Fox Secondary School
- The organizing committee would also like to thank the Tri-Cities Healthy Living Working Group for supporting this event and for supporting children's rights in the community.

7. April 28th marks the National Day of Mourning, an opportunity where Canadians remember those who have died, been disabled, or injured in the workplace, and afflicted with industrial disease. All schools in the district will be flying their flags at half-mast and will be observing a minute of silence on April 28th at 11:00 am.

Superintendent's News & Events Report to the Board

Regular Board Meeting on April 26, 2022

Learning for a Lifetime

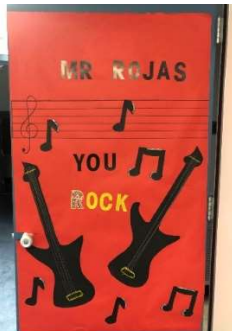
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8. On April 22nd, Gleneagle Secondary School Con X students participated in the 9th annual sleep out where they spent the night sleeping outside of the school and in the cold to help raise awareness for homeless youth in our community. It will be the first in-person sleepout since the COVID-19 pandemic and the students are hoping to raise more support for Covenant House Vancouver. Donations are accepted until the end of the month on their link [here](#).

A Gleneagle student wrote, "Waking up in a cold, dark, and often unfamiliar environment is something that no one should have to go through which is why we all decided to sleep out. Homelessness can often seem like a distant issue, but after spending just one night sleeping out and experiencing what homeless youth go through everyday, we all realized just how privileged we are to have a safe place to sleep. We hope to inspire others to join us in making a real, meaningful change in our community."

9. Shanali Beligala, Terry Fox Secondary School student, has been raising money for the BC Cancer Foundation. She and her sister, Dimasha, a student at Blakeburn Elementary School, have donated their hair to Wigs for Kids BC three times. Shanali's new goal is to raise \$2500 this year. [Help support her by donating to her personal fundraising page here.](#)



10. On April 21st, the Baker Drive Parent Community appreciated their teachers by decorating the classroom doors with inspirational messages and kind words to the staff. Thank you, parents, for your kind gesture!



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Upcoming Events:

- April 27 – Online Risks and Emerging Trends for SD43 parents (6pm)
- April 27 – DPAC General Meeting, Winslow Centre (7pm)
- May 6-7/12-14 –Chicago (Heritage Woods Secondary School Theatre Play)
- May 2 & 9 – BCCWITT & SD43 Women in Trades Virtual Meet & Greet (6:30-8 pm)
- May 4-6/ 11-13 – Into the Woods (Gleneagle Secondary School Theatre Play)
- May 4th – 50th Year Anniversary of Coquitlam Continuing Education, Montgomery Centre (5-7pm)
- May 10 – A Peek into a Kindergarten/ Grade 1 Classroom (Ready Set Learn Virtual Series) (7-8pm)



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Patricia Gartland
Superintendent

DATE: April 26, 2022

RE: Trustee Update

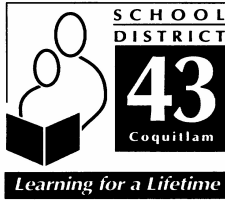
This update reflects a chronology of events related to the education sector since April 12, 2022.

On April 14, 2022, the BC Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport provided a statement on Vancouver being confirmed as a candidate host city for the FIFA World Cup 2026. The FIFA World Cup is the largest single sporting event in the world. Hosting the event would be a once-in-a-generation opportunity for soccer fans, BC's tourism sector and for all British Columbians. Destination BC and BC Stats estimate hosting this event would bring in more than \$1 billion in new revenue for BC's tourism sector during and in the five years that follow the event.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022TACS0012-000581>

On April 14, 2022, the BC Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction announced new regulation as a next step toward a barrier-free BC. Beginning September 1, 2022, more than 750 public-sector organizations will start establishing accessibility committees, accessibility plans, and public-feedback mechanisms as required under the new Accessible British Columbia Regulation. These organizations include school districts, post-secondary institutions, public libraries and local governments. In BC, there are more than 926,000 people with disabilities who face barriers in their daily lives when accessing services. Through this regulation, government is helping organizations become more accessible for the benefit of the employees who work there and the people they serve.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022SDPR0018-000570>



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

CORPORATE and FINANCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mohammed Azim, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Nita Mikl, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

DATE: April 26th, 2022

SUBJECT: 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw

COPIED TO: District Leadership Team

Recommended Action: That the Board of Education pass a motion to hold all three readings and have all three readings, final passage, and adoption of the 2022/23 Annual Budget Bylaw.

Background: Attached is the 2022/23 Annual Budget and Bylaw in the required Ministry of Education format. A summary of the budget by fund is also presented below.

On February 15th, a Special Public meeting was held to provide Stakeholders, partner groups and the public an opportunity to provide input to help shape the proposed budget. On April 12th, management tabled the budget and on April 19th, the Board received feedback from stakeholders on the proposed budget.

Key aspects of this budget incorporate decisions that:

- Considered the multiple interests of all stakeholders with a need to maintain a financially healthy District and create budget certainty through the usage of accumulated reserves.
- Limit the impact of grant underfunding and reduced international education revenues while continuing to provide support for vulnerable learners and maximize resources for student success.
- Provide financial transparency, governance and accountability in the budget process and making decisions within a framework that is guided by and aligned with Directions 2025.

	Statement 2	Schedule 2	Schedule 3	Schedule 4
	Total	Operating Fund	Special Purpose Fund	Capital Fund
Revenues				
Grants	352,942,287	305,451,537	47,490,750	
Tuition	14,674,500	14,674,500		
Other Revenue	13,048,341	941,894	11,906,447	200,000
Rentals and Leases	2,158,296	1,808,296		350,000
Investment Income	1,601,047	1,351,047		250,000
Amortization of Deferred Capital Revenue	16,500,000			16,500,000
Total Revenue	400,924,471	324,227,274	59,397,197	17,300,000
Expenses				
Instruction	329,810,339	271,895,564	57,914,775	
District Administration	14,263,527	14,263,527		
Operations and Maintenance	62,378,441	38,133,304	1,445,137	22,800,000
Transportation	522,164	484,879	37,285	
Debt Services	-			-
Total Expenses	406,974,471	324,777,274	59,397,197	22,800,000
Net Revenue (Expense)	(6,050,000)	(550,000)	-	(5,500,000)
Budgeted Allocation (Retirement) of Surplus (Deficit)				
Budgeted 2019/20 Surplus Allocation	1,500,000	1,500,000		
Budgeted 2020/21 Surplus Allocation	2,250,000	2,250,000		
Education Stabilization Reserve Usage	900,000	900,000		
SLBP Savings 2021/22	400,000	400,000		
Total Budgeted Allocation (Retirement) of Surplus (Deficit)	5,050,000	5,050,000	-	-
Net Transfers (to) from other funds				
Capital Assets Purchased - Operating	-	(2,500,000)		2,500,000
Transfer to Local Capital	-	(2,000,000)		2,000,000
Capital Assets Purchased - Local Capital				10,000,000
Capital Assets Purchased - Transfer from Local Capital				(10,000,000)
Total Net Transfers	-	(4,500,000)	-	4,500,000
Budgeted Surplus (Shortfall), for the year	(1,000,000)	-	-	(1,000,000)

Budget Bylaw Amount	
Operating - Total Expense	324,777,274
Operating - Capital Assets Purchased	2,500,000
Special Purpose Funds - Total Expense	59,397,197
Capital Fund - Total Expenses	22,800,000
Capital Assets Purchased - Transfer from Local Capital	10,000,000
Total Budget Bylaw Amount	419,474,471