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

REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE, BOARD ROOM

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

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

PRESENT

Chair:	Michael Thomas
Vice-Chair	Craig Woods
Trustees:	Jennifer Blatherwick
	Carol Cahoon
	Chuck Denison
	Kerri Palmer Isaak
	Lisa Park
	Christine Pollock
	Zoe Royer
Regrets:	
Administration:	
Superintendent of Schools/CEO	Patricia Gartland
Secretary-Treasurer	Randy Manhas
Assistant Superintendents	Carey Chute
	Gerald Shong
	Nadine Tambellini
	Robert Zambrano
Executive Director, Facilities and Planning	Ivano Cecchini
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Corporate and Financial Services	Nita Mikl
Director of Instruction	Paul McNaughton
	Stephen Whiffin
Assistant Director of Communications and Community Relations	Ken Hoff
Recording Secretary	Nicole Schenato

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Thomas, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

The Acknowledgement of Territory was expressed by Trustee Palmer Isaak.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
a) Acceptance of Agenda

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

ROYER/PARK moved acceptance of the agenda.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INTRODUCTIONS
a) Partner Group
b) DLT

The CUPE and DPAC representatives in attendance were recognized. The DLT members in attendance introduced themselves.

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

There were no delegations/presentations.

EDUCATION

There were no education matters to report.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

a) Approval of February 7, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
b) Approval of February 21, 2023, Special Regular Board Meeting Minutes
c) Update on the Administrative Procedures Review
d) Trustee Calendar Planning Report for Information
e) Trustee Reports for Information

POLLOCK/PALMER ISAAK moved approval of the consent agenda.

Question was called. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

There were no responses to previous delegations.

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS
a) Superintendent Report
i) News & Events

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent, provided a report on news and events. The Superintendent elaborated on the many wonderful events that have occurred in February 2023.

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

ii) Superintendent's Update

Patricia Gartland, Superintendent provided information on the new legislation against the posting of intimate images without a person's consent, in cases of sextortion. Ms. Carol Todd a strong advocate in our district was invited to parliament to be a part of the announcement. Ms. Gartland also provided information on International Education including the rise of interest from the Chinese market as well as Riverside Secondary school being awarded a grant for their Italian Classes.

iii) 2023/24 Student Enrolment Projections

Gerald Shong, Assistant Superintendent, provided the Board of Education with the 2023-24 enrolment projection information stating that the district's projection for K-12 Standard School FTE and Alternate School FTE is 31,500 FTE. This is an increase of approximately 171 FTE from our September 2022/23, 1701 claim. As such, after reviewing various factors that we believe will affect our September 2023 enrolment, it is projected that we will have an increase of approximately 171 FTE from September 2022. This based on a projected K-12 Standard School FTE of 31,225 and Alternate School FTE of 275.

Trustee comments regarding long-term projections, migration rate, density rate as well as the analysis company Baragar were responded to.

A copy of the Student Enrolment Projections memo is attached to the official minutes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

QUESTION PERIOD

At 7:27 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

a) Trustees

There were no trustee questions.

b) Gallery

There were no Gallery questions.

NEW BUSINESS

a) SD43 Education Foundation Appointment

Trustee Pollock announced that Shawn Silverstone has agreed to take on the role of executive director of the Education Foundation. The foundation board is very much looking forward to working with Mr. Silverstone and is confident that his skills will compliment and enhance the efforts of the foundation board in supporting the students in SD43. The mission of the SD43 Education

Foundation is to 'ignite our community to inspire tomorrow's leaders through equitable access to programs, and exceptional opportunities, allowing them to reach their full potential'.

a) Re-Instatement of School International Travel

Rob Zambrano and Carey Chute, Assistant Superintendents, provided the Board of Education information regarding the Re-Instatement of International travel opportunities within the schools. The opportunity for student travel related to language, culture and history is something SD43 holds in high regard, and re-instating the potential to travel abroad will provide students with valuable life experiences. As per the AP, Assistant Superintendents will review the applications to ensure that appropriate cancellation insurance, and appropriate health & safety plans are in place for emergent circumstances. The emphasis will be on the board cancellation policy. Travel opportunities will be around non-school times such as Christmas and Spring Breaks.

Trustee questions and comments regarding the cancellation policy and student affordability funding, equity as well as the number of scheduled trips were answered.

WOODS/POLLOCK moved the acceptance of the reinstatement of school-based student international travel opportunities.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A copy of the Re-Instatement of School International Travel presentation is attached to the official minutes.

NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no motions.

ITEMS OF TRUSTEE BUSINESS

There were no items of Trustee business.

QUESTION PERIOD

At 7:44 p.m. the Chair opened the floor to questions.

a) Trustees

There were no trustee questions.

b) Gallery

There were no gallery questions.

ADJOURNMENT

CAHOON/POLLOCK moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Question was called. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer