

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
DISTRICT OFFICE, BOARD ROOM**

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

Chair:

Vice-Chair

Trustees:

Michael Thomas
Craig Woods
Jennifer Blatherwick
Carol Cahoon
Chuck Denison
Kerri Palmer Isaak
Lisa Park
Christine Pollock
Zoe Royer

Regrets:

Administration:

Superintendent of Schools/CEO
Secretary-Treasurer
Assistant Superintendents

Executive Director, Facilities and Planning
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer,
Corporate and Financial Services
Director of Instruction

Assistant Director of Communications and
Community Relations
Recording Secretary

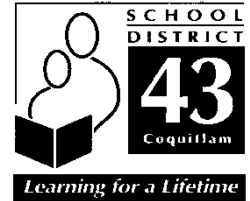
Patricia Gartland
Randy Manhas
Carey Chute
Gerald Shong
Nadine Tambellini
Robert Zambrano
Ivano Cecchini
Nita Mikl

Paul McNaughton
Stephen Whiffin

Ken Hoff
Nicole Schenato

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

The Acknowledgement of Territory was expressed by Trustee Palmer Isaak.



*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.

ROYER/PARK moved acceptance of the agenda.

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

There were no delegations/presentations.

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 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.

There were no responses to previous delegations.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

a) Acceptance of Agenda

INTRODUCTIONS

a) Partner Group

b) DLT

DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS

EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS DELEGATIONS

DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS

a) Superintendent Report

i) News & Events

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

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.

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.

There was no unfinished business.

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

There were no trustee questions.

There were no Gallery questions.

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

ii) **Superintendent's Update**

iii) **2023/24 Student Enrolment Projections**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

QUESTION PERIOD

a) **Trustees**

b) **Gallery**

NEW BUSINESS

a) **SD43 Education Foundation Appointment**

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’.

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.

There were no motions.

There were no items of Trustee business.

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

There were no trustee questions.

There were no gallery questions.

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

**a) Re-Instatement of
School International
Travel**

NOTICES OF MOTION

**ITEMS OF TRUSTEE
BUSINESS**

QUESTION PERIOD

a) Trustees

b) Gallery

ADJOURNMENT

Question was called.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer