

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

**REGULAR PUBLIC BOARD MEETING  
EDUCATION LEARNING CENTRE, ROOM 104**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024**

**Chair:** Michael Thomas  
**Vice Chair:** Carol Brodie  
**Trustees:** Chuck Denison  
Kerri Palmer Isaak  
Lisa Park  
Christine Pollock  
Zoë Royer  
Craig Woods

**Regrets:** Jennifer Blatherwick

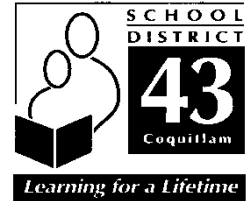
**Administration:**

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| Assistant Superintendent (Pro Tem)                           | Carey Chute       |
| Secretary-Treasurer/CFO                                      | Randy Manhas      |
| Assistant Superintendent                                     | Anthony Ciolfitto |
|                                                              | Nadine Tambellini |
|                                                              | Rob Zambrano      |
|                                                              | Stephen Whiffin   |
|                                                              | Paul McNaughton   |
| Executive Director, Facilities and Planning                  | Ivano Cecchini    |
| Executive Director, Human Resources                          | Michelle Daycock  |
| Assistant Director, Communication and<br>Community Relations | Ken Hoff          |
| Recording Secretary                                          | Colleen Stavert   |

Michael Thomas, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Acknowledgement of Territory was expressed by Trustee Brodie.

Rob Zambrano, Assistant Superintendent, introduced a video showcasing the creation of the Welcome Poles which now grace the interior entrance of the SD43 Education Learning Centre (ELC).



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

**PRESENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF  
TERRITORY**

Michael Thomas, Board Chair, acknowledged the upcoming National Day for Truth & Reconciliation on September 30, 2024. This day commemorates and honours those who were lost, the survivors, families and communities who continue to grieve as a result of the residential school system in Canada.

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

**POLLOCK/ROYER moved acceptance of the agenda.**

**Question was called.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Representatives in attendance from the District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC), Coquitlam Teachers' Association (CTA) and Coquitlam Principals Vice-Principals Association (CPVPA) were recognized. There were no representatives in attendance from the Student Leadership Council (SLC) or CUPE Local 561.

The District Leadership Team (DLT) members in attendance introduced themselves.

Michael Thomas, Board Chair, acknowledged World Teachers' Day on October 5, 2024, with a proclamation. This special day is celebrated in Canada and more than 100 countries around the world to recognize all teachers for their outstanding work to teach and inspire students. Chair Thomas gave a certificate to Ken Christensen, President, Coquitlam Teachers' Association (CTA) to commemorate the occasion.

Mr. Christensen commented that this year's theme for World Teacher's Day is "The Teachers We Need for the Education We Want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage". Mr. Christensen requested trustees and government officials work to encourage advocacy and support for teachers in an ever-changing world.

## **Truth & Reconciliation Day**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

#### **a) Acceptance of Agenda**

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **a) Partner Groups b) DLT**

### **DELEGATIONS/ PRESENTATIONS**

#### **a) World Teacher's Day Proclamation**

Central Elementary School Principal Sean Della Vedova, Central Elementary Teacher Aleandra Daly, and three student BizKids representatives presented to the Board of Education regarding BizKids. The BizKids program builds confidence and enthusiasm by empowering young entrepreneurs. The Central Elementary KidPreneur Fair was highlighted.

Trustee inquiries about the KidPreneur Fair included questions about the items that were created, the advance market analysis that was conducted, plans for the proceeds, and the students' learning outcomes. A trustee expressed admiration for the Central t-shirts the students were wearing as well as the creativity behind their projects.

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 June 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Trustee Calendar Planning Report for Information
- c) Trustee Reports for Information

**PALMER ISAAK/POLLOCK 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.

Carey Chute, Assistant Superintendent, Pro Tem on behalf of Superintendent Patricia Gartland, provided a report on news and events. Mr. Chute elaborated on the many events that have occurred in September 2024 including student scholarships, Camp Ignite graduates, a new playground for Hazel Trembath designed specifically for primary students, and the Montgomery Middle School seismic replacement project.

**b) BizKids Central  
Presentation**

**EDUCATION**

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS  
DELEGATIONS**

**DISTRICT STAFF REPORTS**

**a) Superintendent  
Report**

**i) News & Events**

A trustee inquired if the new Hazel Trembath playground can be relocated to the actual Hazel Trembath site. Another trustee inquired regarding the groundbreaking project with Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) offering international high school students a seamless transition to post-secondary education.

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

Carey Chute, Assistant Superintendent, on behalf of Superintendent Patricia Gartland, provided a district update regarding a survey conducted in July 2023 about the possible re-opening of the loco School as a child care facility. The Ministry of Education and Child Care has responded that the loco project has been chosen to move forward to the concept development stage. This response does not signal a commitment to funding however it is a promising development in the project. Design plans and a business case have been prepared by the district and have been submitted to the Ministry for assessment and review, with the objective of securing funding under the New Spaces Grant (NSG) from the provincial government.

A trustee inquiry whether the loco site plans will be going out for tender was responded to.

Craig Mah, District Principal, provided the Board of Education with a presentation on the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) Report, and Action Plans for Learning. The FESL report uses the Ministry template, incorporates feedback from the Ministry and meets the requirements of Ministerial Order M302/20.

A trustee inquired about the components of the Take A Hike program at Terry Fox Secondary. Another trustee commented favourably on the increased Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) result and if it could be expanded upon. Another trustee inquired about the Indigenous Advisory Committee and whether students are still required to self-identify as Indigenous. Another trustee asked regarding the number of adults who care in order that a child feels connected in their building.

**PALMER ISAAK/POLLOCK moved that the Board of Education approve the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report.**

## **ii) Superintendent's Update**

## **iii) Framework For Enhancing Student Learning & Action Plans for Learning**

Question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BRODIE/PALMER ISAAK moved that the Board of Education approve the School Action Plans for Learning for all schools for 2024-2025.**

Question was called.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***A copy of the Framework For Enhancing Student Learning and Action Plans for Learning memo and documents are attached to the official minutes.***

Heidi Upton, Program Coordinator, International Education, provided a report regarding the 2024 International Summer Program hosted at Pinetree Secondary. The report highlighted the programs offered, the numbers of students/staff/volunteers, the program revenue, and the August orientation of incoming elementary/middle and secondary students.

A trustee requested Heidi Upton expand upon her years of experience with International Education.

***A copy of the International Education Summer Learning Report presentation is attached to the official minutes.***

Stephen Whiffin, Assistant Superintendent, and Michael McGlenen, District Principal, Continuing Education, provided a report on the district's 2024 Summer Learning programs. This year there were over 6,600 Summer Learning registrations. Mr. McGlenen highlighted the programs offered and the support to make programs accessible to all students along with other successes from this year's program.

A trustee inquired regarding the introduction of the Summer Learning Band program.

***A copy of the Summer Learning 2024 Report presentation is attached to the official minutes.***

**iv) International  
Education Summer  
Learning Report**

**v) Summer Learning  
Report**

There was no unfinished business.

At 8:32 pm the Chair opened the floor to questions.

There were no trustee questions.

CTA President Ken Christensen inquired about the FESL Report and expressed concern about the high number of students who stated no adults cared about them in the school community.

Megan Macdonald, Hazel Trembath parent and PAC member, expressed appreciation for the new Hazel Trembath playground. Ms. Macdonald inquired if the district is developing a plan to help fund the future relocation of the playground to the Hazel Trembath site.

Patricia Bigonzi, Assistant Director Finance and Corporate Services, provided a high level overview of the Audited Financial Statements which are filed with the Ministry of Education annually, by September 30, 2024. Key highlights were also provided of the Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis (FSD&A).

A trustee expressed gratitude for the clarity of the report. Another trustee inquired about underfunding for specialized positions and recruitment for these positions. A trustee inquired if the surplus could be decreased from fourteen million to five or ten million dollars. A trustee also inquired regarding the construction progress on the Scott Creek addition.

**PALMER ISAAK/BRODIE moved that the Board of Education approve the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, for filing with the Ministry of Education by September 30, 2024.**

**Question was called.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

There were no Notices of Motion.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **QUESTION PERIOD**

**a) Trustees**

**b) Gallery**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Financial Statements Discussion & Analysis & Audited Financial Statements 2023-2024**

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no items of Trustee business.

At 9:01 pm the Chair opened the floor to questions.

There were no trustee questions.

There were no questions from the gallery.

**ROYER/PARK moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm.**

**Question was called.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ITEMS OF TRUSTEE  
BUSINESS**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

**a) Trustees**

**b) Gallery**

**ADJOURNMENT**

***“Original Signed by”***

Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer