



INAUGURAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

7:00 PM

THE FORUM

PARKSVILLE CIVIC & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

ATTENDEES

Incoming Trustees

Julie Austin
Eve Flynn
Carol Kellogg
Barry Kurland
Elaine Young

Administration

Peter Jory	Superintendent of Schools
Ron Amos	Secretary Treasurer
Gillian Wilson	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Rudy Terpstra	Director of Instruction
Karin Hergt	Executive Assistant

Education Partners

Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA)

1. CALL TO ORDER

In accordance with School District No. 69 (Qualicum) Bylaw 2: *Board Structure*, Secretary Treasurer Amos chaired the Inaugural meeting until the election of a Chairperson.

Acting Chair Amos called the Inaugural meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and acknowledged that the Board was meeting on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish people and thanked the Qualicum and Snaw-naw-as First Nations for sharing their unceded territories with the District.

2. RESULTS OF THE 2022 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Acting Chair Amos announced the results of the trustee elections for each of the following electoral areas:

Voting Area E	Eve Flynn
Voting Area F	Julie Austin (acclaimed)
Voting Area G	Carol Kellogg
	R. Elaine Young
Voting Area H	Barry Kurland

3. OATHS OF OFFICE

Julie Austin, Eve Flynn, Carol Kellogg, Barry Kurland and Elaine Young verbally affirmed and signed their Oaths of Office.

Superintendent Jory then introduced Jessie Recalma, an employee in the Indigenous Education Department, representing the Qualicum First Nations.

Jessie Recalma spoke to the trustees of the history of colonialism and reminded trustees that none of his people gave up the land they live on; it was willingly and unlawfully taken from them by provincial and federal bodies. He noted that he was only allowed to vote for one trustee, however, the land on which they were elected is land that belonged to his people since time immemorial. He reminded the Board that the steps taken to date on reconciliation were only the very first 'baby steps' towards addressing institutionalized racism which was needed to move beyond those things holding everyone back from progress and to evolve into being better people. The weight of all that came before was on his shoulders while welcoming trustees to represent those who brought them forth to be in the room on that day on the unceded territories. Jessie Recalma expressed his gratefulness for the work many members of the board had done to date in trying to take those first steps while reminding them that those were just that, first steps. He thanked the members of the new board for acknowledging his words and hearing what he had to share. He closed by expressing his hope that with their positions, trustees can now carry these levels of understanding forward so history does not repeat itself, and better relationships can be built with the board, trustees and Indigenous peoples. Jessie Recalma then shared his people's welcome song with the Board.

Acting Chair Amos congratulated the Trustees on their commitment to public education and then delivered a message to the Board which outlined the significance of the role they have assumed as Trustees.

4. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

a. Call for Nominations by Ballot

Ballots were distributed for nominations for Chairperson of the Board as per Board Bylaw 2: *Board Structure*.

Trustees Flynn and Young were nominated by ballot.

Trustee Flynn accepted the nomination.

Trustee Young declined the nomination.

Trustee Flynn was elected by acclamation as the Chairperson of the Board.

Chair Flynn assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

b. Motion to Destroy the Nomination and Election Ballots for Chairperson 22-127R

Moved Trustee Flynn *Seconded* Trustee Young

THAT the nomination ballots for the position of Chairperson be destroyed.

CARRIED

5. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD**a. Call for Nominations by Ballot**

Ballots were distributed for nominations for Vice Chairperson of the Board.

Trustees Austin and Young were nominated by ballot.

Trustee Austin accepted the nomination.

Trustee Young accepted the nomination.

b. Call for Elections by Ballot

Ballots were then distributed for the election of the Vice Chairperson of the Board as per Board Bylaw 2: *Board Structure*.

Trustee Young was elected by ballot as the Vice Chairperson of the Board.

c. Motion to Destroy the Nomination and Election Ballots for Vice Chairperson 22-128R

Moved Trustee Young *Seconded* Trustee Kellogg

THAT the nomination and election ballots for the position of Vice Chairperson be destroyed.

CARRIED

6. BANKING RESOLUTION**22-129R**

Moved Trustee Young *Seconded* Trustee Austin

THAT the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer for the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) be authorized as the signing authority to sign the banking resolution, in accordance with Bylaw 4: *Banking*, and

THAT the TD Canada Trust be the appointed Banker for the Board.

CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Chair Flynn suggested that Trustees meet after the Inaugural meeting to discuss the Board committee and representative appointments and Liaison Schools. Once determined, the information will be shared with the relevant committee and schools as soon as possible and will also be presented at the November Regular Board Meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kellogg moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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 CHAIRPERSON

 SECRETARY TREASURER