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## Board Meeting Highlights

Unofficial Summary of the Public Board Meeting, held November 8, 2023

### ***Delegations: Phoenix Elementary School History***

As two of the original staff of Phoenix Elementary School, former principal Barb Aust and former teacher Rineke Jonker gave a moving presentation about the history and early years of the school. They shared many personal stories and spoke about the innovative features that made the school a unique educational environment at the time. Ms. Aust and Ms. Jonker expressed deep gratitude to those early parents and staff members for their vision and hard work, to the children who inspired them, and to the Board of the time for believing in them.

### ***Board Elections***

The Board conducted its annual elections for the positions of Board Chair, Vice-Chair, BCSTA, BCPSEA, and Indigenous Education Committee Representatives (and alternate reps). Chair Boulter appointed trustees to standing committees, task forces, and as community group representatives.

Tisha Boulter	Board Chair   GISS PAC   Fulford PAC
Chaya Katrensky	Board Vice-Chair   BCSTA Provincial Council Rep.   Saturna School PAC
Rob Pingle	BCSTA Alternate Rep.   64Go Rep   Fernwood PAC
Greg Lucas	BCPSEA Rep.   Pender School PAC   FAF Committee Chair
Jeanine Georgeson	BCPSEA Alternate   Indigenous Ed. Committee Rep.   Galiano School PAC
Deborah Loporini	Indigenous Ed. Committee Rep.   Mayne School PAC   Policy Committee Chair
Nancy Macdonald	Education Committee Chair   DPAC   SSE PAC

### ***Superintendent Recruitment***

Jill Jensen has been selected to fill the position of Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Jensen is currently the Superintendent of Nisga'a School District No. 92 and will be officially joining the SD64 team on February 1, 2024. The full announcement is available on the [district website](#).

### ***School Calendar Consultation Schedule***

The Board received draft school calendars for 2025/26 and 2026/2027 as part of the district's 3-year calendar. Links to the draft calendars and feedback form will be posted on the [Instructional Calendar](#) webpage on November 13, 2023.

***Civil Meetings (BCSTA Consultation):*** The Board directed staff to present a staff report at the April public meeting outlining recommendations for a district meeting safety plan.

### ***Phoenix Consultation***

The Board reviewed feedback received in response to the proposed closure of Phoenix Elementary School. A special public meeting will be held at the School Board Office on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 9:00 am to consider the school closure and adoption of *School Closure Bylaw No. 1-2023 – Phoenix Elementary School*.

***Monthly Financial Report:*** The monthly operating expense report indicates expenses are currently 0.9% under budget.