

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2019

**SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, 1ST FLOOR BOARD ROOM
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hənqəmīnəm (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ADOPT AGENDA

3. APPROVE MINUTES

Attachment: Minutes of meeting held October 16, 2019

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

- a. Healthy Schools – Vaping – Additional information regarding vaping in schools
- b. Educational Programs – for discussion and information:
 - i. Career Programs in other metro districts
 - ii. Alternate Programs in other metro districts
 - iii. Program Options/Academies in other metro districts

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – TONIGHT’S AGENDA

Members of the public are invited to come forward with questions regarding agenda items.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. ELL Consortium (Metro Boards), SD38 Rep Donna Sargent – no new update
- b. Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee (City Committee), SD38 Rep Heather Larson – no new update
- c. Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee, SD38 Rep Sandra Nixon – no new update
- d. SOGI Advisory Committee, SD38 Rep Sandra Nixon – no new update

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Process and Rationale for Determining District Sanctioned Events vs School Based Events:
 - i. Levels of Promotion: District sanctioned, District promoted, and/or School based

- ii. Sample Events: September is Literacy Month, Orange Shirt Day, Black History Month, World Languages Day, National Indigenous Day, Family Literacy Day
- b. Banning juice boxes and plastic water bottles from schools

8. NEXT MEETING – January 15, 2020 6:00pm, SBO Board Room

9. ADJOURNMENT

School District No. 38 (Richmond)
7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond, BC V6Y 3E3

EDUCATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of PUBLIC meeting of Education Committee held in the School Board Office, 7811 Granville Avenue, Richmond BC, on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at 6 pm.

Present:

Ken Hamaguchi, Chair, Education Committee
 Norm Goldstein, Vice-Chair, Education Committee
 Heather Larson, Trustee, Alternate
 Sandra Nixon, Trustee
 Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Schools
 Lynn Archer, Assistant Superintendent
 Liz Baverstock, President, RTA
 JW Cho, Pro-D Officer, RTA
 Dionne McFie, President, RDPA
 Dave Miller, Teacher, Richmond Secondary, RTA
 Emmanuel Adjei-Achampong, Principal, Brighthouse Elementary, RASA
 Carol-Lyn Sakata, Principal, Steveston-London Secondary, RASA
 Joanne Rooney, Principal, Wowk Elementary, RASA
 Richard Steward, Direction of Instruction, Learning Services
 Vrunda Shashikumar, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Richard Lee, Trustee, Member
 Brigitte Dvorak, Custodian, Palmer Secondary, CUPE
 Jose Pelayo, RMAPS

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, September 16, 2019 were approved with an amendment:

Add: Trustee's role to the list of names of meeting attendees in the minutes under 'Present'.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

a. Climate Strike

Some of the members attended the Climate Strike demonstrations and shared their observations with the Committee. Trustee Goldstein commented on the variety of messages on the signs.

There were appreciative comments about the letter sent to families from the office of the Superintendent clarifying expectations in light of the Climate Change Strike.

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – TONIGHT’S AGENDA

Nil

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) **ELL Consortium (Metro Boards), SD38** Rep Donna Sargent – minutes of the meeting held May 8, 2019 were included in the agenda package
- b) **Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee (City Committee), SD38** Rep Heather Larson – no new update
- c) **Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee, SD38** Rep Sandra Nixon – minutes from the meeting held in February and October 2019 were included in the agenda package
- d) **SOGI Advisory Committee, SD 38** Rep Sandra Nixon - minutes from the meeting held on May 30, 2019 were included in the agenda package. The highlights of the meeting of September 26th were also shared, minutes would be available at a future date.

7. NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

a. Healthy Schools – Vaping

Assistant Superintendent Lynn Archer, and the Director of Instruction, Learning Services, Richard Steward informed the Committee about the incidents of vaping in schools that had increased in the past year and provided an overview of the resources available to students to increase awareness.

The Committee explored options that could be helpful in reducing the incidents such as creating information pamphlets, presentations, partnering with community organizations like Vancouver Coastal Health, Richmond Addictions, RCMP, etc. to build awareness about recognizing the product and learning about the fatal effects of vaping.

Action: Richard Steward to follow up with a proposed plan of action for reducing student incidents of vaping and present a special report to the board thereafter.

The Chair informed that the Board of Education received a letter from a member of the Legislative Assembly seeking support in demanding action from the B.C. Government to address surging youth vaping rates.

Action: This item would be tabled for the next Committee meeting so that feedback could be received from Committee members.

b. Educational Program Discussion

Assistant Superintendent Lynn Archer and the Director of Instruction, Learning Services, Richard Steward informed the Committee about the various educational programs such as the Neighborhood, Program Options and Alternate Programs that are offered in the

district, and programs that are offered in other Metro districts such as MYP/PYP, Academy programs, Outdoor programs, STEM, Career programs so that feedback could be obtained about these programs from stakeholders.

Discussion ensued about the challenges involved in developing a program, declining participation in some programs, possible alternate programs that could more likely resonate with students, credits offered, resources, staffing, financial cost, etc.

Action: Richard Steward to provide information about Career Programs and Alternate Programs in other metro districts. Assistant Superintendent Lynn Archer to provide information about Program Options/Academies in other metro districts.

The Chair sought feedback from the attendees about the new format of the Committee that brings important issues for discussion at the meeting for processing so that the Committee can make recommendations to the Board when appropriate.

The Chair thanked the attendees and encouraged stakeholders to send their ideas/suggestions to the Assistant Superintendent for potential discussion at future meetings.

8. NEXT MEETING: November 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the School Board Office

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Hamaguchi,
Chair, Education Committee