

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 18, 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 hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ (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 May 27, 2019

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Nil

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
- b) Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee (City Committee), SD38 Rep Heather Larson
- c) Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee, SD38 Rep Sandra Nixon

7. NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

- a) Richmond Schools Give Back
- b) New Directions for Education Committee

8. NEXT MEETING – October 16, 2019, 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 Steveston-London Secondary School Library, 6600 Williams Road, Richmond, BC, on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 7 pm.

Present:

Ken Hamaguchi, Chair, Education Committee
Norm Goldstein, Vice Chair, Education Committee
Richard Lee, Board of Education, Trustee
Heather Larson, Board of Education, Trustee
Wendy Lim, Assistant Superintendent
Donna Dunn, RTA Pro-D Officer, RTA
Dave Miller, Richmond Secondary, RTA
Carol-Lyn Sakata, Principal, Steveston-London Secondary, RASA
Emmanuel Adjei-Achampong, Principal, Brighthouse Elementary, RASA
Joanne Rooney, Principal, Wowk Elementary, RASA
David Sadler, Director, Communications and Marketing
Jose Pelayo, RMAPS
Dionne McFie, President, RDPA
Vrunda Shashikumar, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Brigitte Dvorak, Custodian, Palmer Secondary, CUPE

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

3. APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, April 29, 2019 were approved as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Nil

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – TONIGHT'S AGENDA

Nil

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 – Minutes of the meetings held on March 7th and April 4th, 2019 were included in the agenda package
- c) **Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee, SD38** Rep Sandra Nixon – Nothing to report

7. NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

- **Student Leaders-In-Action as MCs:**

Asst. Superintendent Wendy Lim informed the attendees how Palmer student leaders Mathew, Jasmine, and Saiya were in action as MCs and successfully engaged an audience of over 240 people at the May 21st Showcase of Social Action Projects. The students attended the Art of Leadership Conference for Women, followed by a leadership touch back session and then MC'd the Showcase of Social Action Projects. The students highlighted some of their reflections such as the importance of perseverance despite hardships and the ability to work with a wide variety of people and teams. They also spoke to their experience of being mentored by Asst. Superintendent Lim as well as professional MC Bill Williams which helped them to be comfortable MCing such a major District-wide event.

- **June Chiba Sabbatical Update –**

Homma teachers Megan Zeni and Sarah Regan informed the audience about how their Big idea of outdoor learning in an ecological garden classroom has helped improve the Social Emotional Learning in students along with an improved ability to engage in outdoor learning. They also presented several examples of how outdoor learning is utilized by schools across the province that helps students stay engaged.

- **Aboriginal Enhancement Education Agreement Update –**

Marie Ratcliffe, District Administrator and Leanne McColl, Teacher Consultant spoke to their presentation about how they incorporate indigenous knowledge by creating visual story boards through a process of inquiry. They presented several examples of how they continue to engage students in a meaningful way and improve holistic wellness through programs such as Feed-U-Cate.

- **Education 2019 Week-in-Review –**

David Sadler, Director, Communications and Marketing spoke to his report about the various science, art and cultural events that took place in Richmond during the education week. He made a recommendation to have Education Week 2020 held from February 24 to February 28, 2020. All information is available on the education week website: <http://edweek.sd38.bc.ca/>

8. NEXT MEETING LOCATION AND DATES - TBA

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Hamaguchi,

Chair, Education Committee



Sister City Advisory Committee

Held Thursday, July 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Richmond Cultural Centre Boardroom

In Attendance: Lisa MacNeil, Seemah Aaron, Melissa Zhang, Ihsan Malik, Ed Gavsie, Charan Gill, Glenn Kishi, Allen Chan, Polly Tang

Absent: Kim Ng, Helen Quan, Bernard Loh Kailin Che

Council Representative: Councillor Linda McPhail

School Board Representative: Heather Larson

Staff: Mike Romas, Kaitlynn Staples

Meeting started at 4:04 PM

1. Adoption of Minutes from June 6, 2019

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes from the Sister City Advisory Committee held June 6, 2019, be approved. **CARRIED**

2. Councillor's Update – Linda McPhail

Councillor McPhail advised that:

- On June 24th Council passed their Strategic Plan (2018-2022) with the following strategic focus areas:
 - A Safe and Resilient City
 - A Sustainable and Environmentally Conscious City
 - One Community Together
 - An Active and Thriving Richmond
 - Sound Financial Management
 - Strategic and Well-Planned Growth
 - A Supported Economic Sector
 - An Engaged and Informed Community

3. Chair Update – Lisa MacNeil

Lisa:

- Thanked Polly for her role organizing social media posts, Helen for her discovery regarding Richmond and Wakayama's planning calendar; Glenn for organizing the Taiko 55 drummer group for the Steveston Salmon Festival parade entry; Allen for

- priming both Canada Day Parade and Book Club; and Ed for securing the Audi Convertible for the Steveston Salmon Festival parade entry.
- Reminded the Committee that there is no meeting in August and that she will be reaching out to individuals to prioritize cities for a report to council.
 - Advised the committee that they should first email each other and then coordinate a time to call.

4. Administration – Lisa MacNeil

Canada Day Parade - Allen

Allen thanked the group for attending the parade and requested feedback to update the parade play book. Discussion ensued with regards to providing an honorarium to the Taiko 55 drummer group for their continued support of the Sister City Canada Day parade float entry.

It was Moved and Seconded that a \$250 honorarium, to thank the Taiko 55 Drummer Group for their continued support of the Sister City Salmon Festival parade float entry, be approved.

CARRIED

World Festival - Lisa

Lisa advised that she will be contacting Committee members for input into picture displays. Lisa is also looking for committee members to help out at the festival booth.

5. Four Year Activity Plan Updates

Book Club Update – Allen

Allen advised that the book club will be launching on July 4 at 5pm. The committee has been encouraged to participate in the online forum (scp.yourlibrary.ca).

The author of the Life of Pi, Yann Martel, will be hosting a book signing event on August 1 at the Richmond Pubic Library.

Grand Prix of Art – Ihsan

No updates.

Art Exchange – Melissa

Melissa has been in contact with Qingdao. As part of a pilot project, art from local Qingdao artists will be displayed at Richmond City Hall.

Xiamen Library Asset Exchange – Helen/Lisa

This project is on hold to 2021 so that the Committee/Library can prepare assets to exchange with Xiamen.

Table Tennis Tournament – Helen/Kim/Polly

Invitations have been sent to the Sister/Friendship cities. Pierrefonds and Wakayama have declined participating in the event. To date, Qingdao and Xiamen have not responded.

6. Staff Update – Mike Romas

Mike advised:

- On August 2 at 4pm Students from Wakayama will be visiting City Hall and meeting with Acting Mayor Harold Steves.
- From August 20-21 an economic delegation from Wakayama will be is meeting with Fujia Market and may include a meet and greet with members of the Sister City Advisory Committee.
- Staff have arranged for a photographer to attend event the Book Club launch, Yann Martel book signing, and Student exchange.

7. Round Table Update - All

A Photo of the Wakayama Student Exchange was shared with the group.

Councillor McPhail advised that the Consul General of Japan was in attendance at the Steveston Salmon Festival parade and spoke to the relationship between Wakayama and Richmond.

8. Date of next meeting – September 5, 2019 *note there are NO meetings in August

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Sister City Advisory Committee of the Council of the City of Richmond held on July 4, 2019.

Lisa MacNeil
Chair

Kaitlynn Staples
Recording Secretary



Sister City Advisory Committee

Held Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 4:00 pm
Richmond City Hall, Room, M.2.002

In Attendance: Lisa MacNeil, Seemah Aaron, Melissa Zhang, Bernard Loh, Ihsan Malik, Ed Gavsie, Charan Gill, Glenn Kishi, Allen Chan, Kim Ng, Helen Quan, Polly Tang,

Absent: Kailin Che

Council Representative: Councillor Linda McPhail

School Board Representative: Heather Larson

Staff: Mike Romas, Kaitlynn Staples

Meeting started at 4:03 PM

1. Adoption of Minutes from May 2, 2019

Councillor McPhail advised that there was an error in the minutes. Staff will correct the Federation of Canadian Municipalities location in the Councillors Update from Montreal to Quebec City.

It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes from the Sister City Advisory Committee held May 2, 2019, be approved. **CARRIED**

2. Councillor's Update (attachment 1) – Linda McPhail

Councillor McPhail advised that:

- She attended the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Quebec City from May 30 to June 2;
- The intention was to meet with Mayor Jim Beis, however the flooding situation is still ongoing in Pierrefonds and he was not available to meet; and
- She met with Pierrefonds Councillors Yves Gignac and Louise Leroux.

3. Chair Update – Lisa MacNeil

Lisa advised that:

- The Committee has published its first social media post for the Wakayama School Exchange program;
- On May 23 the Pierrefonds library opened and Pierrefonds is commencing landscaping of the Richmond Garden, an invitation to the opening event is forthcoming;

- The first floor Sister City monitor has been updated with all photos and Year in Review reports. The committee was advised that all 2019 photos to be included on the monitor must be send to Kaitlynn by January 2020;
- The July meeting will be held in the Cultural Centre boardroom, copies of agendas and minutes will not be provided in this meeting. Committee members are encouraged to bring their name tags to the meeting to attend the Book Club Launch Event after the meeting; and
- Reminder to all, the SCAC works with the vulnerable population (children and seniors). It is imperative that committee members complete their criminal record check.

4. Administration – Lisa MacNeil

Canada Day Parade - Allen

Allen advised that there will be 50 participants this year. The parade start location will be the same as 2018, and, for new members, there will be parade officers that can provide direction to the parade start location. The Parade organizers are reducing waste this year and parade floats cannot use plastic bags. The committee is procuring fortune cookies and flags for parade gifts (do not throw these items into the crowd). Committee members should hold onto their shirts for future years.

Allen will send further information on the parade through email to the Committee.

Response to Council Sister City Future – All

The Committee has submitted their response. Committee members will need to review proposed cities for twinning research including whether those cities have other Sister Cities in Canada. The Committee will also contact stakeholders such as the YVR Advisory Committee, Tourism Richmond, etc. to determine fit.

It is anticipated that this report will be presented to Council in September 2019.

Seniors Coffee Chat - Ed

Ed met with Hans Havas, Chair of the Seniors Advisory Committee to discuss creating a Sister City seniors program. A pen pal program is being reviewed, as this type of program is easy to set up and meets the needs to isolated seniors. Discussions will continue in September.

World Fest – Events Working Team

The Committee has a booth at the Richmond World Fest on August 30 and 31. This booth will be similar to the Cherry Blossom Festival and Committee members are designing a display poster. The Committee was reminded to monitor their emails for communication on this event, as a shift schedule needs to be created. The Committee is looking for ideas on crowd engagement at the booth (such as picking the next book club book or providing input on future sister city relationship cities) and will also be showcasing that 2019 marks the Committee's 45th anniversary.

SCAC Pins – Charan

This item was deferred due to higher than anticipated costs.

5. Four Year Activity Plan Updates

Wakayama School Exchange Debrief – Glenn

Glenn advised the Committee that the trip was well received by students. A total of 36 students from Richmond participated in an exchange from May 13-19 and a tour from May 19 – 26. Students visited Nara, Kyoto, Okayama, Yakage, Hiroshima, Togashima Island, Tokyo, Joto and Wakayama. Glenn advised that Japan Airlines provided phenomenal service to the group. The next school exchange will be held in Richmond in 2020. A slideshow is being prepared with photos from the trip.

Glenn advised that the Kendo club is interested in participating in an exchange.

Book Club Update – Allen

Xiamen, Qingdao and Richmond will be participating in a book club titled “One Book Three Cities”. There will be an online discussion forum with a facilitator where readers can discuss the book with each of the cities. The online forum will be shared with Committee members. There will be a launch event on July 4 and the program will run until August 31. Committee members are encouraged to sign up online (scp.yourlibrary.ca) and an email will be sent before July 4 to clarify the Committee’s role for the duration of the book club.

The author of the Life of Pi, Yann Martel, will be participating in the book club. The author will be holding an event on Thursday, August 1 (7pm start time) at the Richmond Library and will participate in the online discussion forum.

Grand Prix of Art – Ihsan

The Grand Prix of Art is being held on September 21 and 22, 2019. Registration will open on July 1. The Committee will share these dates with the Sister/Friendship cities to determine if they are interested in participating in an art exchange.

Table Tennis Tournament – Helen

The Table Tennis Tournament will be held from October 10-13, 2019, for adults in Richmond. Helen has received the event proposal and is preparing to invite the Sister/Friendship cities to participate in this tournament.

Sports – Ed

Ed reached out to the organizers of the International Hockey Tournament and to the president of the Richmond Jets Minor Hockey Tournament to discuss collaboration with teams in Richmond’s Sister/Friendship cities. There was some interest in this proposal and it will be discussed further.

Ed received a response from Richmond’s Rugby association. They are not available to participate in an exchange with Richmond’s Sister Cities until 2022.

6. Staff Update – Mike Romas

Mike advised:

- New committee members must complete their Criminal Record Checks;
- That he met with Kailin Che for an onboarding meeting;

- That he is working on revisions to the Council referral on Future Sister City relationships.

7. Round Table Update - All
None.

8. Date of next meeting – July 4, 2019 *note meet at Cultural Centre Boardroom

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM

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