



EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 7:00 pm
Wowk Library

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

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- 1. INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Attachment: Minutes from meeting held January 28, 2019
- 4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**
Nil
- 5. NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS**
 - a) WE Well Being in Schools: Social Emotional Learning in Action**
 - **Introduction to Mental Health & SEL Framework for District:**
Connie Easton (Teacher Consultant)
 - **Social Emotional Learning in the District: The WE Wellbeing Project:**
Jessica Eguia (Teacher Consultant) and Jordan McCuaig (teacher) from Whiteside
 - b) Schools GIVE Back**
 - Susan Shackles (teacher) and students from Spul'u'kwuks
 - c) Mental Health Literacy in Action**
 - **Fresh Start: Mental Health Workshops for students** – Gloria Yang and Joey Huang (Students, RSDCO) Dave Partridge (District Administrator) and Connie Easton (Teacher Consultant)
- 6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - a) ELL Consortium (Metro Boards), SD38 Rep Donna Sargent – see attached update
 - b) Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee (City Committee), SD38 Rep Donna Sargent
 - c) Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee, SD38 Rep Ken Hamaguchi
- 7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – TONIGHT’S AGENDA**
Members of the public are invited to come forward with questions regarding agenda items.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**
- 9. NEXT MEETING LOCATION AND DATES**

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	FOCUS
Apr 29	SLSS	7:00 – 8:15	Schools GIVE Back – Math Curriculum
May 27	SLSS	7:00 – 8:15	June Chiba, AEEA, Ed Week Update, Student Leadership

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

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Present: Ken Hamaguchi, Chair, Education Committee
Norm Goldstein, Vice Chair, Education Committee
Heather Larson, Board of Education Trustee
Richard Lee, Board of Education Trustee*
Sandra Nixon, 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
Brigitte Dvorak, Custodian, Palmer Secondary, CUPE
Jose Pelayo, RMAPS
David Sadler, Manager Communications*
Vrunda Shashikumar, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Dionne McFie, President, RDPA

Guests: Liz Taylor, District Administrator, Learning Services
Bill Jushasz, Principal, Thompson Elementary
Neil Kamide, Principal, McRoberts Secondary
Chris Loat, Curriculum Coordinator for Technology
Ellen Reid, Teacher Consultant
Elissa Ky, Teacher, Cook Elementary
Christy Rollo, Teacher, Cook Elementary
Adam Stokes, Teacher, Thompson Elementary
Jennifer Yager, Teacher, Diefenbaker Elementary
Julie Anne Mainville, Teacher, McRoberts Secondary
Students from Thompson Elementary: Aidan, Nicole, Susan, Casey
Students from McRoberts Secondary: Navaz and Brandon
Students from Cook Elementary: Abe, Rong
Parents: Susan Tanco, Flannon Tam, Joan Yip, Reyen, Polly

*present for a portion of the meeting

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made around the table and the Chairperson welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adapted as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held September 24, 2018 were approved as circulated.

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

Nil.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) ELL Consortium (Metro Boards), SD38 Rep Donna Sargent – no new business to report
- b) Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee (City Committee), SD38 Rep Heather Larson – no new business to report
Minutes of the Sister City Advisory Committee held on December 6, 2018 included in the agenda package
- c) Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee, SD38 Rep Sandra Nixon. Next meeting to be held in February, Bannock and Jam event – scheduled for February 28, 2019.

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – TONIGHT'S AGENDA

Nil.

8. PRESENTATIONS

1) Education Week Update – David Sadler

The Communications & Marketing Manager highlighted various activities planned during the Education Week including the Junior Board meeting, Science Jam, Fine Arts Fair, Bannock and Jam event, photography contest, dance competition, aboriginal art work display and theatre performances. He advised that all events would be promoted on the Education Week website as well as through social media. Trustees had comments on these excellent opportunities to promote public education to our community.

2) Technology Enriched Education – Chris Loat, Elissa Ky, Jennifer Yager, Christy Rollo, Julie Anne Mainville, Adam Stokes and students from Cook, Diefenbaker, Thompson and McRoberts

The District Curriculum Coordinator presented statistics about how Technology Education is made available to all students and shared a few examples. He highlighted that the district team also includes 2 Apple Distinguished educators on staff.

The teacher from Cook Elementary played a recorded video where Grade 1 students spoke about how technology their learning. They demonstrated how they use their favourite apps and why they like using those apps.

The teacher and students from Thompson Elementary shared interesting examples to demonstrate the Top Three Ways technology has enhanced student learning. They also elucidated how students work collaboratively using the district Portal. Information was also shared on how parents can use the Portal to stay updated about their child's school activities.

The teacher and students from McRoberts Secondary spoke about the benefits and challenges they encountered while using technology, and shared examples of how they

used technology to organize information and record their learning in their blogs using creative ideas.

The teacher from Diefenbaker Elementary shared examples of how students used apps such as the Paper app, Picolage, Keynote etc. to document their work creatively. It was observed that technology helped students to stay engaged in class and challenged them to do better.

Another teacher and students from Cook Elementary spoke about how they worked on projects to create engaging videos using apps such as iMovies. They also spoke about digital citizenship and how they communicate respectfully with other students using social media.

There were some questions and comments about the use of technology and digital citizenship that were addressed and student contribution was greatly appreciated.

The Chair thanked the students, staff and parents for their time and sharing of their experiences at the meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING LOCATION AND DATES

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	FOCUS
Mar 11	Wowk	7:00 – 8:15	Mental Health Presentation
Apr 29	SLSS	7:00 – 8:15	TBA
May 27	SLSS	7:00 – 8:15	June Chiba, AEEA, Ed Week-in-Review, Student Leadership

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Education Committee meeting of Monday, January 28, 2019 was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Hamaguchi, Chairperson
Education Committee

ELL Consortium Meeting Minutes

Date: November 28, 2018

Location: Burnaby Central Secondary School

Time: 9:30 – 11:30

Minutes taken by: Satnam Chahal, Delta

Agenda

1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

2. Introductions

3. Purpose/History of ELL Consortium

Val: Brief review of the consortium

4. Review of Work of the Consortium

Val: review of recent work of Consortium relating to SWIS and Ministry of Education representation for ELL.

- SWIS
 - o Overview of historical role of consortium in advocating for SWIS
- Ministry representation
 - o Overview of Consortium's role in advocating for dedicated ministry representation focused on ELL services
 - Meghan
 - Change in staffing

Conversation focused at this point on SWIS

- A. Concern 1: Anticipated decrease in funding.
 - o Year 3 starts April 1
 - o Concern – the way that we are funded doesn't match our budgets.
 - challenges are with small amounts of incremental funding out of school year funding cycles.
- Concern 2: Significant number of newcomers ineligible for federal settlement funding
 - At this point IRCC sees only Permanent Residents and refugees as eligible.
 - Province offers funding for other newcomers (e.g.: temporary foreign workers and Canadian citizens)
 - School Districts offering Settlement services are funded through federal government only. Provincial funds were not afforded to school district

settlement workers in schools programs(SWIS). The result is that a significant portion of newcomers in Districts are not eligible for school district SWIS services. This is approximately ½ of newcomers in some Districts.

- Previously, all of these clients were provided services by SWS programs (when BC administered IRCC funds for Settlement).
- Context: number of families with work permits is significantly increasing
 - i. Full case management; poverty
 - ii. Employment for spouses

Action (Focused on Concern 2: Ineligible clients):

- Val Windsor to draft a letter to outline issue.
- Districts will be welcome to invite MP/MLA to Jan 9 mtg.
- Presentation on the issue of 'ineligible clients' will be prepared by staff working together from the following Districts: Langley, Surrey, Richmond, Vancouver, Burnaby and Coquitlam.

5. Topics for Future Meetings:

- ESD (English as a Second Dialect)
 - English as a Second Dialect / English Language Development
 - Criteria from Ministry is vague
 - Push to a Metro conversation
 - If there is a need for advocacy we may come back to Consortium table

6. Priorities of ELL Consortium:

See above notes re Ineligible clients and SWIS funding

7. Invite MLA's to next ELL Consortium Meeting – See letter to Scott MacDonald – use as template for your district

Other

Reminder: There is a UBC / SFU SSHRC research project underway looking at language and social/emotional development for refugees

Val – shared email update from Martin

- Updated ELL policy guidelines – no changes. Posted on site.
- ELL Standards quick scales have been posted for user friendliness

ELL Standards update

- Richmond, Vancouver, West Vancouver and Burnaby worked together (with SFU and UBC) to pilot standards implementation together via workshops with staff. These Districts are wondering the Ministry could bring them back together for feedback.
- UBC and SFU are preparing a report on use of the standards

AIP Update

- Continued conversation noting concerns that AIP template is not on MyEdBC
- Talk of creating a template that is funded by some districts. Surrey and West Van will be talking about this.
 - Action: follow up letter asking for an AIP template.

District Updates:

Burnaby:

- Settlement Workers have been running an afterschool program that aims to address trauma. They will be building on the Stan Kutcher curriculum moving forward through a culturally sensitive lens. This involves working with Children's Hospital.
<https://swis.burnabyschools.ca/innovative-youth-support-program-award/>
- SIOF training – a trainer in place. More information to come.
- Focus on BAA courses including English Adapted 11. This is for students who want extra support for English.
- Pro-d day: Aiming Wide – Ann Hunter from VSB
- Working on SIOF and Co-Teaching
- Larry Ferlazzo book study

Abbotsford

- 400 new ELL students
- increase in students who have English Language proficiency of level 2
- increasing focus on afterschool support for level 1 and 2 students
- 2 day training coming up focusing on best practices for ELLs at that level.
- Strong push to technology – 1 tech series for supporting language development
- Shelley Moore coming out to connect to LSS department.
- BAA courses up and running – currently have 2 and looking at 2 for literacy and numeracy as well.
- Book studies underway as well

Coquitlam

- 4490 ELL students in Coquitlam
- working with other districts including efforts with Abbotsford. This including presentation from elementary / middle school teachers.
- Kanta Naik is providing pro-d (Full day sessions) with ELL teachers.
- Hired another mentor ELL teacher. Looking at a proposed welcome centre.

Vancouver

- 8900 ELL funded students
- Aiming wide workshop for Classroom Teachers
- BAA courses – grade 11 course has been applied for
- Co-teaching / collaboration is a focus
- Sharing presentation “Aiming wide” at UBC

West Vancouver

- Working with SIOP training in collaboration with Langley, Maple Ridge
- Working with Surrey on AIP
- Started with Aiming Wide (with Vancouver) – 2 days in Richmond, etc.
- Moving towards using descriptors for English language proficiency levels instead of overall levels by number. This is helping to focus in on what the students can do and how to support.

Richmond

- SWIS
- Wrapping up Vancouver foundation grant
- Built a youth volunteer piece at welcome centre which has been really successful. Great opportunity for youth.
- Cultural diversity pieces
- Some structural changes unifying SWIS and ELL further
- New ELL teacher consultant

Delta

- ELL numbers – consistent - approximately 10% of our population
- ELL Standards used across the district in Spring and again in September.
 - a. Used 1 page quick scales by separating of standard and examples
 - b. We continue to look more closely at Standards for K and 1 in particular.
- Focus on classroom teachers via Classroom Teacher Planning Tool
 - highlight curriculum, instruction, assessment and reporting implications
 - outline 6 key UDL strategies that support language development and access.
 - Our goal with these is to create tools that are simple, practical, generative / scalable
- AIP - We are working through a third iteration of an AIP this year and feel that we are very close to settling in on a template that works for us.

Surrey

- Highest numbers of newcomers continue to come from India, China, Philippines and Syria
- Hosted teacher cohorts at surrey welcome centre – week long training
 - Spoke to value of this

- Presentations at BCTF, TESL and BCSTA re How Surrey supports ELL students in mainstream classrooms.
- SWIS side: iPALS
 - o SWIS supporting facilitators in various schools
 - o Focus on Somalian, Syrian and Punjabi/hindi speaking parents
- Mentoring program with Grade 11 and 12 students

Langley

- 2500 ELL
- ISP and ELL students
- Elementary / Middle program supported through itinerant ELL specialists. Emphasis on in-service amongst teachers.
- 40 teachers out to schools.
- Secondary teachers hire their own schools right now.
- Refugees – primary population from Surrey right now. District teacher for ELL / seconded half time.
- Big Ideas for Expanding Minds (Jim Cummins and Margaret Early); SIOP study guide
- Students with interrupted learning in secondary – is a focus
- Rewriting our BAA courses –
- SIOP trainer coming out to Langley.