

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, September 18, 2019 at 6 pm.

Present:

Ken Hamaguchi, Chair, Education Committee
Norm Goldstein, Vice-Chair, Education Committee
Richard Lee, Member, Trustee
Heather Larson, Alternate, Trustee
Scott Robinson, Superintendent of Schools
Lynn Archer, Assistant Superintendent
JW Cho, RTA Pro-D Officer, RTA
Carol-Lyn Sakata, Principal, Steveston-London Secondary, RASA
Joanne Rooney, Principal, Wowk Elementary, RASA
Jose Pelayo, RMAPS
Dionne McFie, President, RDPA
Vrunda Shashikumar, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Brigitte Dvorak, Custodian, Palmer Secondary, CUPE
Dave Miller, Richmond Secondary, RTA
Emmanuel Adjei-Achampong, Principal, Brighthouse Elementary, RASA

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

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as amended:
Add: Item 7. a) ii. Climate Change Events and Clubs

3. APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held Monday, May 27th 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 June 6th and July 4th, 2019 were included in the agenda package

- c) **Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee**, SD38 Rep Sandra Nixon – Nothing to report, minutes of the June meeting would be included in the next Education Committee meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

a) Richmond Schools Give Back:

i. Literacy Month

Rebeca Rubio, Coordinator Libraries and Information Services presented an overview of Literacy Month that was celebrated at the Brighthouse Library in partnership with the City of Richmond. Approximately 7000 young people participated in the Summer Reading program. Activities at the celebration involved StrongStart tables, Scrabble, face painting, Tech booths with 3D printers, fun stations, etc. Student leaders Maya Khayrallah and Tiana Hu from McMath Secondary spoke about their experience of working with community partners that helped them understand empathy, global citizenship, make connections and be positive role models for other students.

ii. Climate Change Events and Clubs

There was discussion about the letter from BCTF dated September 18, 2019 requesting the Board of Education to support students participation in the Global School Climate Strikes planned for September 20 and 27. It was decided a letter would be sent to schools from the Superintendent's office clarifying expectations around student participation in the Climate Strike.

b) New Directions for Education Committee

It was agreed that the Education Committee would function in a manner that would process issues, bring pertinent topics for discussion at the Committee and seek feedback from stakeholder groups. Suggestions for directions, further information, and/or recommendations would arise from the discussions as needed. Stakeholder groups are encouraged to send their ideas to Assistant Superintendent Lynn Archer for potential discussion at future meetings.

8. NEXT MEETING: October 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the School Board Office

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Hamaguchi,

Chair, Education Committee