

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**  
**LOCATION: REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**  
**TIME: 5:30 PM**

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

**1. ADOPT AGENDA**

**2. APPROVE MINUTES**

Attachment: In-Camera minutes from meeting held January 29, 2020.

**3. PROCESS FOR DISTRICT SANCTIONED EVENTS VS SCHOOL BASED EVENTS**

Continue discussion for determining process. Follow-up from meeting on January 29, 2020.

District Sanctioned, District Promoted, and/or School Based

Examples: Orange Shirt Day, Black History Month, World Languages Day, National Indigenous Day, Family Literacy Day, Education Week, World Wildlife Day

**4. SEPTEMBER SCHOOL RESTART**

Discussion: Learning Options, Health & Safety.

**5. EDUCATION WEEK 2021**

Recommendation from David Sadler, Director of Communications and Marketing.

**6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ELL Consortium (Metro Boards)
- Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee (City Committee)
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee
- SOGI Advisory Committee

**7. NEXT MEETING DATE - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020 at 5:30 PM**

**8. 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, January 29, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Present:

Ken Hamaguchi, Trustee Chair  
Norm Goldstein, Vice-Chair  
Richard Lee, Trustee Member  
Heather Larson, Trustee Member, Alternate  
Lynn Archer, Assistant Superintendent  
Taffy Jackson, RMAPS Representative  
Dave Miller, Representative  
Emmanuel Adjei-Achampong, RASA Representative  
Vrunda Shashikumar, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

Joanne Rooney, RASA Representative  
Liz Baverstock, RTA President  
JW Cho, RTA Representative  
Dionne McFie, RDPA President  
Brigitte Dvorak, CUPE Representative  
Carol-Lyn Sakata, RASA Representative

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm.

**1. INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. ADOPT AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, November 20, 2019 were approved as amended. Amendment: It was noted that one of the Richmond slides regarding list of District Program options offered at Richmond was incomplete. The amended presentation with a complete list of programs offered at Richmond is attached.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

Nil

**5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – TONIGHT’S AGENDA**

Nil

**6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ELL Consortium (Metro Boards), SD38 Rep Donna Sargent – no new update
- Richmond Sister City Advisory Committee (City Committee), SD38 Rep Heather Larson – no new update
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee, SD38 Rep Sandra Nixon – minutes from the meeting held in December 2019 were included in the agenda package

- SOGI Advisory Committee, SD 38 Rep Sandra Nixon - minutes from the meeting held on September 26, 2019 were included in the agenda package.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS/PRESENTATIONS

- 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, Education Week
  - iii. Important to raise awareness and understanding around what events and topics should come to the Board via the Education Committee as district sanctioned/promoted initiatives. The initiatives could be broadly categorized as:
    - District sanctioned events – district wide events, supported by the Ministry of Education, widely displayed on district and school websites. Every school engages in a way that best suits their school context; for example, Pink shirt day, Terry Fox Run, Remembrance Day
    - District promoted events – the district will share information with schools; however, schools have the autonomy to decide what suits their context and do what degree they would participate, for example, Black History Month, Library Learning Common events
    - School based events – schools engage in activities at the school level, for example, school based cultural celebrations, dance and music events, etc.
  - iv. The Committee agreed that there is a need to determine a process that informs how suggestions from the public to promote/include initiatives in school programs should be managed.
- b. Banning juice boxes and plastic water bottles from schools  
Discussion and referral to RSAT (Richmond Sustainability Action Team). Parent letter, included in the agenda package, requesting juice boxes and plastic water bottles be banned in schools. Specific concerns raised about 'banning' juice boxes. It was noted that students/people who are diabetic need to carry a juice box with them as that is the fastest and safest way to replenish sugar when sugar levels drop. Teachers may keep juice boxes and crackers for kids in case they need to offer to someone without lunch. Hence it was felt that "banning" a juice box is a concern. The Committee felt that "educating" students to make choices that are more sustainable is a better way than using the word "banning". The Committee agreed to refer this to the RSAT (Richmond Sustainability Action Team) of the District for their action plan.  
**ACTION:** This item would be referred to RSAT for their action plan.

The Chair also sought feedback from 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 DATE – APRIL 15, 2020 at 5:00 PM**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Hamaguchi,  
Chair, Education

DRAFT

---

**REPORT TO EDUCATION COMMITTEE - PUBLIC**

**DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

**FROM: David Sadler, Director, Communications and Marketing**

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION: EDUCATION WEEK 2021**

---

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the Board of Education (Richmond) declares February 22 to February 26, 2021 as Education Week in the Richmond School District for the upcoming school year.

**BACKGROUND**

Each year, the Richmond School District and the City of Richmond, by Mayoral proclamation, declares one week during the school year as Education Week. This is a week to acknowledge, publicize and promote public education and the strengths of the Richmond School District. This past year, a series of activities, displays and presentations highlighting curricular areas such as Fine Arts, Performing Arts, Aboriginal Arts, Mathematics, Public Speaking, Technology and Science were presented to the public.

**CONSULTATION**

Discussion regarding Education Week, including proposed venues, events and alternative dates occurred with stakeholders and staff. It was affirmed that the last week of February 2021 is the optimal time to have Education Week 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Sadler, Director, Communications and Marketing*