

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of a PUBLIC meeting of Education Committee held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Present:

Heather Larson, Chairperson
Donna Sargent, Vice Chairperson
Richard Lee, Trustee Member
Norm Goldstein, Trustee
Ken Hamaguchi, Trustee
Debbie Tablotney, Trustee
Sandra Nixon, Trustee
Lynn Archer, Assistant Superintendent
Emmanuel Adjei-Achampong, Richmond Association of School Administrators
Liz Baverstock, President, Richmond Teachers' Association
JW Cho, Executive Member, Richmond Teachers' Association
Taffy Jackson, Richmond Management Administration Professional Staff
Joanne Rooney, Richmond Association of School Administrators
Carol-Lyn Sakata, Richmond Association of School Administrators
Andrew Scallion, President, Richmond District Parents' Association
Helen Shen, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Members of the Public:

Dionne McFie
Karina Reid

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

1. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. APPROVE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday, November 18, 2020 were approved as circulated.

3. BLACK HISTORY MONTH

INFORMATION ONLY: Assistant Superintendent Archer highlighted the District's plans for Black History Month in all Richmond Schools to provide many opportunities for students to learn in a more focused way about the history and contributions of Black Canadians. The report addressed a previous request from a member of the community to recognize Harry Jerome's accomplishments while he was an employee of the Richmond School District.

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Assistant Superintendent Archer clarified that while the District will provide resources and support for schools to draw upon as they organize for Black History Month, schools will have the ability to decide on their specific organization of events and learning opportunities.

4. EDUCATION WEEK

Director of Communications and Marketing shared the plans for Education Week from Feb 22 to Feb 26. Each day of the week will highlight an area of student learning in the Richmond School District:

Monday	Learning through inquiry
Tuesday	Global Citizenship and Sustainability
Wednesday	Learning Through the Arts
Thursday	Indigenous Perspectives
Friday	Equitable and Inclusive Learning Communities

All events will be hosted virtually using pictures, videos, and will be accessible from the District website, as well as other social media platforms. Science Jam will not be featured in this year's Education Week. Trustee Sargent and the President of the Richmond Teachers Association asked questions, considering the current challenges with the pandemic, about the possibility of postponing Education Week to next year.

ACTION: DS to assess and advise the Committee on the possibility of postponing Education Week to 2022.

5. INNOVATION INQUIRY GRANTS

INFORMATION ONLY: President of the Richmond Teachers Association, as well as a Representative from the Richmond Association of School Administrators commented on the success with virtual opportunities this year. Both shared that they have noticed an increase in participation as virtual sessions offer more flexibility for interested staff to be involved.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ELL Consortium (Metro Boards)
Nil
- Richmond Sister Advisory Committee (City Committee)
Nil.
- Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement Advisory Committee
Nil.
- SOGI Advisory Committee
Trustee Larson shared that the student presentation at the last SOGI Advisory Committee Meeting helped start very meaningful conversations. More updates to come.
- Anti-Racism Committee
Nil.

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7. NEXT MEETING DATE - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.