

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

FACILITIES AND BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of a **PUBLIC** meeting of the Facilities and Building Committee held via Zoom Meeting, on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Ken Hamaguchi, Committee Chairperson
Debbie Tablotney, Committee Vice-Chairperson*
Norman Goldstein, Trustee Member
Heather Larson, Trustee
Sandra Nixon, Trustee
Donna Sargent, Trustee
Cindy Wang, Secretary Treasurer
Frank Geyer, Executive Director, Facilities Services
Liz Baverstock, President, Richmond Teachers' Association
Steve Wenglowski, 2nd Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association
Jason Leslie, Vice President, Richmond Association of School Administrators
Joel Canlas, Richmond Management and Professional Staff
Andrew Scallion, President, Richmond District Parents Association
Hugo David Madeira, Vice President, Richmond District Parents Association
Dionne McFie, Past President, Richmond District Parents Association
Joyce Coronel, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**Present for a portion of the meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 2, 2022 meeting was approved as circulated.

3. FACILITIES PLANNING UPDATE [standing item]

The Executive Director, Facilities Services spoke to his report as included in the agenda package. He then responded to an inquiry from the President, Richmond Teachers' Association about the location of the Aspen program.

Trustee Tablotney joined the meeting at 4:37pm.

4. RICHMOND PROJECT TEAM UPDATE [standing item]

The Executive Director, Facilities Services spoke to his report as included in the agenda package with the following highlights:

- Pre-design phase completed for the Blair Elementary and Debeck Elementary Building Envelope Upgrades
- Project work underway at Mitchell Education Centre
- Preliminary design underway for the Rideau Park Resource Centre

The President, Richmond Teachers' Association informed the Committee that RTA is now a stakeholder to the Mitchell Education Centre. The Executive Director, Facilities Services noted this information and offered to send design plans to Richmond Teachers' Association for feedback.

5. FACILITIES SERVICES UPDATE

The Executive Director, Facilities Services highlighted that the new schedule for enhanced environmental cleaning at elementary schools as approved by the Board in its January 26, 2022 Public meeting (1 custodian per 3 elementary sites) is now in effect. There were no further questions or comments.

6. PROPOSED CLASSROOM VENTILATION PROGRAM (Recommendation)

The Executive Director, Facilities Services spoke briefly about his report. The President, Richmond Teachers' Association expressed her strong support for the program and emphasized the importance of ventilation in the long term to keep learning spaces safe. She also mentioned that the program is a great investment of the District from a generational equity and sustainability perspective. She concluded her statement by thanking the District for helping to find a solution to ventilation issues.

The President, Richmond District Parents Association, shared the same support as ventilation affects the health and safety of students and staff today and in the future. He pointed out that the issue is not about saving the money and hope that this program can be done in the future. He added that the RDPA is strongly behind the ventilation upgrades in the affected schools.

The Executive Director, Facilities Services responded to inquiries from Trustees on the benefits of the ventilation program from an energy and sustainability perspective and the standards that need to be complied with by the District's heating and ventilation systems.

Trustee Larson expressed her appreciation for all the information provided by staff and stakeholders, which gave everyone an opportunity to learn about the ventilation program.

It was agreed that the following **RECOMMENDATION** be forwarded to the Board:

THAT the Facilities & Building Committee recommends approval by the Board of Education (Richmond) for staff to proceed with the proposed Classroom Ventilation Program as presented to a maximum cost of \$12 Million funded from Local Capital Reserves.

7. MINUTES FOR INFORMATION

(a) CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting minutes from January 5, 2022 were attached for information.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 4:30pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Hamaguchi, Chairperson
Facilities and Building Committee