

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

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, March 7, 2022 at 11 am
Via Zoom Webinar

Present: Debbie Tablotney, Chairperson
Sandra Nixon, Vice Chair
Heather Larson, Member
Norman Goldstein, Alternate member
Scott Robinson, Superintendent
Rick Ryan, Deputy Superintendent*
Frank Geyer, Executive Director, Facilities Services
Liz Baverstock, Richmond Teachers' Association
Jw Cho, Richmond Teacher's Association
Mike Murray, Richmond Association of School Administrators
Rebeca Avendano, Richmond Management Professionals Staff
Catherine Cleary, Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

**present for a portion of the meeting*

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 11:14 am.

1. ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. APPROVE MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held December 13, 2021 were approved as circulated.

Trustee Tablotney, Chairperson joined on Zoom at 11:15 am and proceeded to Chair the meeting following approval of the minutes.

3. POLICY 701.11/701.11-R: Naming and Renaming of Board Owned Facilities or Parts of Board Owned Facilities/Policy 701.12/701.12-G: Official School Openings

The Deputy Superintendent updated the Committee on Policy 701.11 first acknowledging the Board's commitment to examining the issue of school naming and renaming, noting that the policy was adopted originally in 1990. Given the current context, the Policy requires significant revision.

The Deputy Superintendent indicated that research on similar policies through BC and specifically the metro region had taken place. The Board determined that the policy include consideration from the the Diversity and Anti-racism Working Group Report which is being brought forward to the Board in the Spring. The policy will be aligned with the recommendations of the Diversity and Anti-racism Working Group who will bring forward recommendations to the Board.

Liz Baverstock, President, Richmond Teachers' Association expressed support for the timeline with the Working Group bringing forward recommendations and looks forward to engaging in the Consultation process.

The Committee also discussed whether policies could be updated, refreshed in a more expeditious manner. Discussion ensued. The Superintendent noted that the District's current process involves significant consultation, opportunities for feedback and review in alignment with the Board's commitment to stakeholder consultation.

4. FACILITIES SECTION 700: PHASE TWO

A Report from the Executive Director, Facilities Services was attached to the agenda package along with current policies and suggested revisions. The Executive Director noted that some Section 700: Phase Two policies were 30 years old and required updated language.

Following questions and general feedback, Trustee Nixon noted that a lot of good work had been done and looked forward to reviewing the revised policies in the future. Trustee Larson asked about the Outdoor Learning Spaces and how they are funded and operate. The Superintendent suggested that this might be a topic for the Education Committee and would speak to Executive Director MacMillan.

Stakeholders said they will be reviewing all the documents and could provide some initial feedback to the Executive Director.

ACTION: It was **AGREED** that Policy Committee receive Policy 700: Phase Two for information.

5. STATUS OF CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED ITEMS

Liz Baverstock suggested that the document include dates and a timeline. She also suggested that there be reference to the Indigenous equity scan included on the status document.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Tablotney, Chairperson
Policy Committee