

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 38 (RICHMOND)
7811 GRANVILLE AVENUE, RICHMOND, BC
AND VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present:	Chairperson	D. Tablotney
	Vice Chairperson	H. Larson
	Trustees	R. Belleza (via Zoom)
		K. Hamaguchi
		D. Sargent
		A. Wong
		D. Yang
	Superintendent of Schools	S. Robinson
	Deputy Superintendent	R. Ryan
	Secretary Treasurer	C. Wang
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Brautigam
	Assistant Superintendent	J. MacMillan
	Assistant Superintendent	C. Stanger
	Executive Director, Learning & Business Technologies	R. Laing
	Director, Communications & Marketing	D. Sadler
	Director, Richmond International Education	S. Sephton*
	Executive Assistant, Recording Secretary	N. Todorovic

*Present for a portion of the meeting.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the hənq̓əminəm' language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

1. Recognition of Visitors, Announcements and Updates from Trustees

(a) Recognition of Visitors

The Chairperson welcomed the gallery to the meeting.

(b) Announcements

Trustee Yang - Briefs regarding the 2023/2024 Annual Budget will be accepted without prior notice at the January 25, 2023, regular meeting of the Board, as well as at the February 22, 2023, March 29, 2023, and April 26, 2023, regular meetings of the Board. Please note that budget updates will be made available on the District's Budget website. All budget feedback will be considered by the Board as part of the budget process which is anticipated to be completed by May 24, 2023.

Trustee Sargent - As we approach the winter break, the Board of Education wishes to extend its warmest wishes to our students, families, and staff for a peaceful and joyous winter holiday season. We are all fortunate to live in a part of the world where we are free to celebrate what is most important to us, regardless

of our religious faith or spiritual beliefs. It is what makes us diverse and strong as a school district, a community, and a nation.

(c) **Any materials not included in packages available to the public.**

The Secretary Treasurer noted all materials had been made available to the public on our website.

Secretary-Treasurer Wang – A reminder was made for those who joined the meeting on Zoom to please ensure that video was turned off and microphones muted to eliminate background noise; there will be two question periods as pertain to the agenda, and questions sent to the Board meeting email account will be read out. For those who have not already submitted questions, there is an opportunity to do so via: boardmeetings@sd38.bc.ca.

For the public joining the meeting virtually, they are able to listen to the meeting but not speak or use the chat function in Zoom during the meeting; and an audio/video recording of the meeting will be made available for viewing after this meeting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

119/2022 MOVED BY A. WONG AND SECONDED BY H. LARSON:

THAT the Wednesday, December 14, 2022 Regular agenda of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Presentations, Special Recognitions, Briefs and Questions from the Public

(a) **Presentations**

Nil.

(b) **Special Recognitions**

Nil.

(c) **Briefs**

Nil.

(d) **Questions from the Public: Tonight's Agenda**

Liz Baverstock, President of the Richmond Teachers' Association, inquired as to what the Board has done this fall to advocate for inflation adjustments for the current budget and whether the Board can anticipate any government budget adjustments to account for inflationary pressures. Trustees mentioned that a

motion was put forward to BCSTA to urge the Ministry of Education and Childcare to provide emergency funding adjustments in order to address inflationary cost pressures on districts.

The President of the RTA inquired about the role of trustees and the Board of Education in the context of governance for continuous improvement of student learning. She also highlighted that staff shortages are a concern for educators and questioned how these shortages impact student outcomes specifically in alignment with continuous improvement. She asked what the Board is doing to raise attention to teacher shortages and why more spaces aren't being created in post-secondary teacher education programs.

She celebrated the implementation plan for the Indigenous focused graduation requirement courses and the introduction of the board/authority authorized course for board approval.

The Superintendent spoke about an e-mail received from a parent, who commented that they support the notion of students learning about different cultures but not highlighting a particular ethnic group. They suggested that the top ten majority ethnic groups be identified and learned about as opposed to one ethnic group being singled out.

4. Executive

The Superintendent gave a slideshow presentation on recent school activities and events around the District. He acknowledged the continued hard work of staff around the District in supporting families and his gratitude for the opportunity to work alongside the staff.

5. Approval of Minutes

- (a) A record of an in-camera meeting of the Board held Wednesday, October 12, 2022, was included for information.
- (b) A record of an in-camera special meeting of the Board held Wednesday, November 30, 2022, was included for information.
- (c) Regular meeting of the Board held Wednesday, October 12, 2022, for approval.

120/2022 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY D. SARGENT:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) approve the Minutes of Wednesday, October 12, 2022, Regular meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

- (d) Inaugural meeting of the Board held Wednesday, November 9, 2022, for approval.

121/2022 MOVED BY K. HAMAGUCHI AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) approve the Minutes of Wednesday, November 9, 2022, Inaugural meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

6. Business Arising

- (a) **RECOMMENDATION: 2023/2024 Annual Budget Process and Timeline**

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to her report about the budget process and timeline.

122/2022 MOVED BY D. YANG AND SECONDED BY D. SARGENT:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) approve the 2023/2024 annual budget process and timeline as presented and **FURTHER THAT** the Board direct staff to post the budget process and timeline on the District's website.

CARRIED

- (b) **Strategic Plan – Quarterly Update Strategic Priority 1 & 2**

Assistant Superintendent Stanger provided an overview of Strategic Priority 1 detailing the development of core competencies and how they are intertwined in the curriculum.

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan spoke about Goal 1 and the various ways the District is providing professional learning opportunities to educators. The Deputy Superintendent highlighted the variety of learning options being offered to learners as well as the growth and development of international education.

Assistant Superintendent Stanger discussed the review of program options and the development of a Continuing Education departmental review to be conducted during the 2022/2023 school year.

Assistant Superintendent Brautigam spoke to the Innovation Grant Launch process and the further implementation of the Spiral of Inquiry process.

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan spoke to the importance of providing mental and physical health programs for student and staff well-being and the involvement of district partners with implementation supports. She highlighted the goal of embedding Indigenous peoples' history within district planning and practices and the increased access of learning opportunities to Indigenous people's culture and history. She also spoke about the development and implementation of the literacy and numeracy framework throughout the District. She highlighted equitable and inclusive district learning environments and practices that will be implemented to instill a

culture of equitability and inclusion.

The Deputy Superintendent spoke to the Aspen review report with possible implementation of the recommendations upon board approval in the new year.

Assistant Superintendent Brautigam spoke about equity and inclusion as a strategic priority and the objectives and plans surrounding the implementation process.

Trustee Belleza left the meeting at 8:04pm.

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan provided responses to a trustee's question regarding the methods and resources offered to educators to promote learning of First Peoples' Principles.

Trustee Belleza rejoined the meeting at 8:13pm.

Trustee Belleza inquired about the validation of the strategic plan and how its success will be determined. The Superintendent responded that key performance indicators are provided in the annual report in September.

(c) **Richmond International Education Update**

The Director of International Education provided a comprehensive update for the Richmond International Education Program and its enrollment levels in the 2022/2023 school year. He highlighted the successes of the program in its recovery from the pandemic and challenges that are still present from the international and geopolitical perspectives.

Trustees inquired about enrollment information and future outlook of the program and the Director responded to Trustees' questions.

7. New Business

(a) **RECOMMENDATION: Board/Authority Authorized Course for Board Approval**

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan spoke to her report and proposal of African and Black Canadian Studies 12 as a board/authority authorized course and the objectives of the course being in alignment with the District's commitment towards equity and inclusion.

Trustees commented about the report and inquired about the proposal.

123/2022 MOVED BY D. YANG AND SECONDED BY D. SARGENT:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) approve the attached newly developed Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) course, *African and Black Canadian Studies 12*, for implementation in the 2023/2024 school year.

CARRIED

(b) **Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement Courses for 2022/2023**

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan spoke to her report about the introduction of an Indigenous-focused graduation requirement to begin in the 2023/2024 school year. She highlighted the implementation strategy taking into consideration the consultation process, the course selection/rationale, the implementation support, and the funding process.

Trustees inquired about the report and the effects the courses will have on student success.

8. Questions from the Public: Tonight's Agenda

No questions.

9. Standing Committee Reports

(a) **Audit Committee**

Chair: David Yang

Vice Chair: Ken Hamaguchi

(b) **Education Committee**

Chair: Heather Larson

Vice Chair: David Yang

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

(c) **Facilities and Building Committee**

Chair: Ken Hamaguchi

Vice Chair: Debbie Tablotney

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 4:30 pm.

(d) **Finance and Legal Committee**

Chair: Donna Sargent

Vice Chair: Rod Belleza

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2022, at 10:00 am.

(e) **Policy Committee**

Chair: Debbie Tablotney

Vice Chair: Heather Larson

A meeting was held on Monday, December 12, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2023 at 11:00 am.

10. Correspondence

Nil.

11. Board Committee and Representative Reports

(a) **Council/Board Liaison Committee**

The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023.

13. Adjournment

124/2022 MOVED BY D. YANG AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

THAT the Regular meeting of Wednesday, December 14, 2022 of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adjourned at 9:22 pm.

CARRIED

D. TABLOTNEY,
CHAIRPERSON

C. WANG,
SECRETARY TREASURER