

Policy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2023 – 11:00 am
Via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson	D. Tablotney*
Vice Chairperson	H. Larson
Trustee Member	D. Yang
Trustee Alternate	R. Belleza
Superintendent	S. Robinson
Assistant Superintendent	C. Brautigam
Executive Director, Facilities Services/Richmond Project Team	F. Geyer
1 st Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association	T. McCracken
Pro-D Officer, Richmond Teacher's Association	J. Cho
President, Richmond Association of School Administrators	M. Murray
Chairperson, Richmond Management and Professional Staff	K. Gibson
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	J. Coronel

*Present for a portion of the meeting

The Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

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

1. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. Approve Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held December 12, 2022 were approved as circulated.

The Chairperson joined the meeting at 11:07 am.

3. DEI Advisory Committee Policy Update

Assistant Superintendent Brautigam reported on the revised draft of the DEI policy checklist based on feedback received in the last Committee meeting. Some of the revisions include:

- Adding language which identifies the users of the checklist

- Adding reference to regulations and guidelines

She also suggested additional actions to help improve the overall accessibility of policies, regulations, and guidelines on the district's website.

The Committee agreed to approve the following **RECOMMENDATION**:

THAT the Policy Committee adopt the attached "Policies Checklist for Policy Revision and Development" for use by those responsible for writing and reviewing policy, regulations, and guidelines.

4. Policy 101- Goals and Objectives

The Superintendent provided a summary of recent revisions to Policy 101 and the proposed new regulation 101-R, based on feedback received in the last public Committee meeting:

- Move the foundational statement above the legislative requirement section in the Policy statement
- Include a brief summary statement regarding alignment of planning in the revised Policy then move the substantive statement on alignment to the proposed Regulation
- Move the Strategic Alignment image to the proposed Regulation
- Move section on Provincial, District and School level planning to the Regulation

Trustees expressed appreciation for the thoroughness of the policy revision.

Tim McCracken, First Vice President of Richmond Teachers' Association commented on possible concerns on implementation of alignment of planning, specifically at the school level and the reporting order under the enhanced student learning framework. The Superintendent clarified that the preference is to have a combination of school-based data and provincial framework data. Assistant Superintendent Brautigam also explained the importance of school level data and how this adds to the provincial level data, which will form part of the district's Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL).

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to forward the following **RECOMMENDATION** to the Board:

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that at the January 25th public meeting of the Board, Policy 101 and 101-R, currently referred to as Goals and Objectives, be referred to the stakeholder input process for the period of January 26 to March 6, 2023.

5. Phase 2 – Policy Section 700: Facilities

The Executive Director, Facilities Services/Richmond Project Team spoke to his report as included in the agenda package. He clarified that the word "handicap" under Policy 702.2-R will be replaced with "universal" in the revised version of the policy for Board approval.

Tim McCracken, First Vice President of Richmond Teachers' Association inquired if the phrase "*hate against specific races, classes or creeds*" mentioned in Policy 703.3 is appropriate. The Executive Director, Facilities Services/Richmond Project Team suggested that the original language be maintained, and changed later on if the DEI Advisory Committee deems it appropriate.

In response to a request from Tim McCracken, the Executive Director, Facilities Services/Richmond Project Team proposed that the information on the order of authority as specified in Policy 703.3 under the section on Protection of Students and Maintenance of Order, will be shared to school administrators after the Board approves the revised policy.

It was **AGREED** that the Policy Committee bring forward a Notice of Motion to the Board of Education at the January 25, 2023 Public Meeting that a Recommendation for the Board's consideration will be presented at the February 22, 2023 Public Meeting to approve Section 700: Facilities – Phase 2.

6. Status of Current and Anticipated Items

An updated status document was provided with the agenda package.

7. Next Meeting Date – Monday February 13, 2023 at 11:00 am

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Debbie Tablotney
Chairperson, Policy Committee*