

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of a **Public** meeting of the Education Committee held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 6:15 pm.

Present: Chairperson	H. Larson
Vice Chair	D. Yang
Trustee Member	A. Wong
Assistant Superintendent	J. MacMillan
Director of Instruction	R. Johal
Director of Instruction	B. Thompson
President, Richmond Teachers' Association	L. Baverstock
Pro-D Officer, Richmond Teachers' Association	J. Cho
Past President, Richmond District Parents' Association	D. McFie
Member, Richmond Association of School Administrators	A. Pikkarainen
Member, Richmond Association of School Administrators	L. Leung
President, CUPE716	I. Hillman*
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	S. Khan

**Present for a portion of the meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm.

1. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. Approve Minutes

The minutes of the public Education Committee meeting held Wednesday, September 14, 2022, were approved. Chairperson Larson informed the committee she is the only one to approve these minutes as no other trustees present at the September 14, 2022 meeting were present at this January 18, 2023 committee meeting due to new board of trustees.

3. Equity In Action Project Report (Recommendation)

Assistant Superintendent, J. MacMillan introduced Director of Instruction for Learning Services, R. Johal. He provided a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of why the Equity in Action Project took place, the four different dimensions of the project, the process and data analysis, and the recommendations brought forward from the Equity in Action Project report. R. Johal informed the committee that centering the voices of Indigenous students and their families to hear their perspectives was a focus of the project. Staff responded to questions from stakeholders around the process of moving forward from the recommendations and recruitment. Chairperson Larson confirmed to the committee that the recommendation included in the *Equity in Action Project* report will be coming forward to the Board for approval.

4. Aspen Learning Centre Program Review Report (Recommendation)

Assistant Superintendent, J. MacMillan introduced Director of Instruction for Learning Services, B. Thompson. She provided a PowerPoint presentation and an overview on the what the Aspen learning centre is, the rationale of the program review, what is involved and what the recommendations are from the report. Trustees and stakeholders provided positive feedback and appreciation of the next steps provided in the report. Chairperson Larson confirmed to the committee that the recommendation included in the *Aspen Learning Centre Program Review* report will be coming forward to the Board for approval.

Chairperson Larson read the terms of reference to committee members and informed the committee that a survey will be sent to committee and stakeholder members to obtain input for meeting format preferences.

5. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Heather Larson, Chairperson
Education Committee*