

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of a **Public** meeting of the Education Committee held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

Present:	Chairperson	H. Larson
	Vice Chair	D. Yang
	Trustee Member	A. Wong
	Alternate Member	R. Belleza
	Trustee	D. Tablotney
	Assistant Superintendent	J. MacMillan
	Director of Instruction	R. Johal
	President, Richmond Teachers' Association	L. Baverstock
	Past President, Richmond District Parents' Association	D. McFie*
	Member, Richmond Association of School Administrators	A. Pikkarainen
	Member, Richmond Association of School Administrators	L. Leung
	Richmond Management and Professional Staff	T. Jackson
	President, CUPE716	I. Hillman*
	Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	S. Khan

*\*Present for a portion of the meeting*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the hə́nǵəmiṇə́m 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 public Education Committee meeting held Wednesday, January 18, 2023, were approved.

### 3. **Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement**

Assistant Superintendent, J. MacMillan referred to the report titled *Indigenous Focused Graduation Requirement*, which is included in the agenda package, and informed the committee that the requirement will come into effect in the 2023-2024 school year. She introduced Director of Instruction for Learning Services, R. Johal. Together they provided a PowerPoint presentation with an in-depth look into the background around the declaration act, the district's strategic plan, and how the Indigenous-focused graduation requirement was formed. Further, they discussed the benefits to students, the requirements involved, the process of implementing the Indigenous-focused graduation requirement, and the courses that will be offered in the district. Staff responded to questions, from trustees and

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stakeholders, pertaining to course descriptions and requirements, training administrators, and the availability of resources.

**4. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm.**

Chairperson Larson informed the committee that future meetings will continue to take place on the virtual platform Zoom, and this will be revisited later.

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Heather Larson, Chairperson  
Education Committee*