

Education Committee
Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson	H. Larson
Vice Chairperson	D. Yang
Trustee Member	A. Wong
Trustee Alternate	R. Belleza
Assistant Superintendent	J. MacMillan
Superintendent	C. Usih
Director of Instruction	B. Thompson
President, Richmond Teachers' Association	L. Baverstock
Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association	S. Wenglowski
Pro-D Officer, Richmond Teachers' Association	J. Cho
Member, Richmond Association of School Administrators	L. Leung
Member, Richmond Association of School Administrators	A. Pikkarainen
Member, Richmond Management and Professional Staff	T. Jackson
President, Canadian Union of Public Employees 716	S. Robinson
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	S. Khan

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

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the hən̓qəmin̓əm̓ 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 in-camera meeting held Wednesday, September 20, 2023, were approved as circulated.

3. Learning in Richmond SD38

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan introduced Director of Instruction Braunwyn Thompson. She provided detailed information regarding inclusive learning supports and structures, and provided examples of inclusive learning in the Richmond School District. Connections to the Board's Strategic Plan were discussed, along with defining disabilities and diverse abilities. Finally, an overview of school-based and district-based support roles was discussed. Staff then responded to questions from trustees and stakeholders regarding Individual Education Plans (IEPs), Educational Assistant (EAs) staff shortages, transition planning, and diverse abilities.

4. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Larson
Chairperson, Education Committee*