

Facilities and Building Committee Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 - 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Vice Chairperson	D. Tablotney
Trustee Member	H. Larson
Trustee Alternate	D. Sargent
Trustee	A. Wong
Secretary Treasurer	C. Wang
Director, Richmond Project Team	S. Ahluwalia
Director, Facilities Services	K. Wilkins
Director of Instruction, Learning and Business Technologies	W. Walker
President, Richmond Teachers' Association	L. Baverstock
2nd Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association	F. Marsic
3rd Vice President/Pro-D Chair, Richmond Teachers' Association	J. Cho
President, Richmond District Parents Association	C. Huang
Vice President, Richmond Association of School Administrators	A. Goulas
President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 716	S. Robinson
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	T. Lee

Regrets:

Chairperson	K. Hamaguchi
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The meeting was called to order at 4:31 pm.

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

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June 5, 2024 meeting was approved as circulated.

3. Facilities Planning Update (standing item)

The Director, Richmond Project Team spoke to his report, which is included in the agenda package.

The Vice Chairperson then introduced the Committee members as this is the first meeting of the new school year.

A trustee then thanked staff for monitoring the Local Government Act amendments and requested the Board's involvement in the City of Richmond Official Community Plan.

4. Capital Projects Update (standing item)

The Director, Richmond Project Team highlighted the ongoing and completed capital projects, which is included in the report in the agenda package.

Trustees then commented on the great work that's been done in the district. The Director, Richmond Project Team then responded to a trustee's question about replacing the wood shop dust extraction systems and, in response to a question from the 2nd Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association, also provided details on training for the new systems.

Staff then responded to a trustee's question regarding the childcare facilities program and its operations.

5. Facilities Services Update (standing item)

The Director, Facilities Services spoke to his report as included in the agenda package, highlighting summer maintenance and operations work, and presented a slideshow on the 2024 summer projects. Trustees thanked the Director, Facilities Services for the report and the slideshow. He then responded to various trustees' questions including facilities services staffing and exterior line painting.

The 2nd Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association thanked the Director, Facilities Services for the detailed update and acknowledged teachers' appreciation for the improvements made to the buildings. The Director, Facilities Services and the Director of Instruction, Learning and Business Technologies then responded to his questions about security upgrades and video surveillance in schools.

The President, Richmond District Parents Association (RDPA) thanked the Director, Facilities Services and facilities services staff for all their work. The Director, Facilities Services then responded to various questions from the President, RDPA regarding funding for rainbow crosswalks, signage for the Burnett parking lot, and smoke alarms in bathrooms. The Director of Instruction, Learning and Business Technologies then provided additional details on the phases of installing video surveillance in schools following a question from the President, RDPA.

6. Minutes for Information

(a) Child Care Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held May 1, 2024 were attached for information.

7. Next Meeting Date – October 2, 2024 at 4:30 pm

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Debbie Tablotney
Vice Chairperson, Facilities and Building Committee*