

Education Committee
Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – 6:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson	H. Larson
Vice Chairperson	D. Yang
Trustee Member	A. Wong
Trustee Alternate	R. Belleza
Trustee	D. Tablotney
Assistant Superintendent	J. MacMillan
Superintendent	C. Usih
Director of Instruction	R. Johal
District Administrator	L. McColl
Coordinator	C. Easton
President, Richmond Teachers' Association	L. Baverstock
Pro-D Officer, Richmond Teachers' Association	J. Cho
Member, Richmond Association of School Administrators	A. Pikkarainen
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 hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ 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. Mental Health and Student Wellness in SD 38

Assistant Superintendent MacMillan introduced Director of Instruction Johal, District Administrator McColl, and Coordinator Easton. They presented a PowerPoint which went into detail about the district initiatives around mental health and wellness that are supported across the district for all of the students within our system. They discussed the connection to our strategic plan, district initiatives, highlighted student voice, and community schools and community wellness projects, and next steps. Trustees' questions around student populations, wellness program supports and accessibility, and family supports were answered by staff.

4. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Larson

Chairperson, Education Committee