

Education Committee Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 – 6:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson	H. Larson
Vice Chairperson	D. Yang
Trustee Member	A. Wong
Trustee Member (Alt.)	D. Tablotney
Assistant Superintendent	J. MacMillan
Director of Instruction	B. Thompson
Director of Instruction	R. Johal
District Administrator	L. McColl
District Administrator	N. Savory
Superintendent	C. Usih
Representative, Richmond Association of School Administrators	L. Leung
Richmond Management and Professional Staff	S. Glanzmann
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 public meeting held Wednesday, May 15, 2024, were approved as circulated.

3. Secondary Collaboration and Personal Learning Time 2023-2024

Assistant Superintendent Jane MacMillan provided an overview and highlights on collaboration time and personal learning time in secondary schools. She referred to a table, attached in the public agenda, which includes examples, focus areas of staff engagement, information on supports, and next steps for collaboration time and personal learning time. Trustees asked questions regarding the structure of personal learning time and inclusion of technology, and attendance rates for trends.

4. Program Review Recommendations Updates

Director of Instruction Braunwyn Thompson provided an overview on the Aspen Program Review. She discussed the 6 recommendations that were approved by the Board in January 2023 and provided an update on the actions and work that has been completed by staff since the approval of the review recommendations. Trustees asked questions about accessibility access and safety concerns.

Director of Instruction Ravinder Johal and District Administrator Leanne McColl provided an overview on the Alternate Program Review. They discussed the recommendations that were approved by the Board in June 2023 and provided an update on the work that has been completed since then. Trustees asked questions about staffing, student enrollment, and the referral process.

Director of Instruction Ravinder Johal and District Administrator Navshina Savory provided an overview on Equity in Action. They discussed the recommendations that were approved by the Board in February 2023 and the actions and practices that have taken place with staff to improve experiences for all Indigenous learners. Trustees asked questions about professional development on Indigenous education.

Assistant Superintendent Jane MacMillan brought forward the questions asked by public members regarding collaboration time and the impact on students, along with personal learning time and the minutes allocated to each secondary school.

5. Next Meeting Date – September 2024

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Heather Larson
Chairperson, Education Committee*