

Education Committee Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – 6:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson	H. Larson
Trustee Member	A. Wong
Trustee Alternate	D. Tablotney
Trustee	K. Hamaguchi
Superintendent	C. Usih
Assistant Superintendent	M. Naser
Director of Instruction	B. Douglas
District Administrator	L. Chau
District Administrator	C. Jule
Program Coordinator	D. Miller
Student	Sophie
Student	Arianna
President, CUPE716	S. Robinson
1 st Vice President, CUPE716	N. Williams
Representative, Richmond Association of School Administrators	A. Pikkarainen
Representative, Richmond Association of School Administrators	L. Leung
President, Richmond Teachers' Association	L. Baverstock
3 rd Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association	J. Cho
Representative, Richmond Management and Professional Staff	S. Glanzmann
President, Richmond District Parents' Association	C. Huang
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	J. Coronel

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

Trustee Alternate D. Tablotney joined the meeting at 6:06pm*

Trustee K. Hamaguchi joined the meeting at 6:08pm*

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm 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, October 16, 2024, were approved as circulated.

3. French Immersion & International Baccalaureate Student Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Maryam Naser introduced District Administrator Linda Chau, who provided a brief introduction to two Richmond School District Students Arianna and Sophie. The students spoke about experiences in French Immersion (FI) and International Baccalaureate (IB). The students shared their positive experiences in the French Immersion (FI) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs and provided feedback to the committee.

Trustees and partner groups expressed their gratitude and thanked students for their presentation.

4. Program Options Review

Assistant Superintendent Maryam Naser gave a brief overview of the program options review, and informed the committee that the review was conducted by external consultant, Nancy Brennan in the 2023/24 school year. Discussed were the 4 common themes found amongst the recommendations which were: communication, supporting student transitions in secondary programs, professional learning opportunities and staffing, equitable distribution of resources. The next steps are to share the findings with our partner groups, gather additional information on the suggested recommendations, and develop action plans as necessary.

Director of Instruction Brooke Douglas provided an update on the work the district is currently doing for the 2024/25 school year, based on the recommendations from the review. Areas of focus are communication and staff supports.

Partner groups raised concerns regarding specialty staffing required for program options. Trustees requested that staff ensure that information about program options be made accessible on the district website.

5. Next Meeting Date – January 15, 2025

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Heather Larson
Chairperson, Education Committee*