

Education Committee
Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 6:00 pm
Via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson	H. Larson
Vice Chairperson	D. Yang
Alternate	A. Wong
Trustee	D. Tablotney
Superintendent	C. Usih
Assistant Superintendent	M. Naser
Assistant Superintendent	R. Laing
Director of Instruction	W. Walker
Curriculum Coordination	C. Loat
Teacher Consultant	J. Tang
Teacher	V. Advani
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
Representative, Richmond Management and Professional Staff	S. Glanzmann
President, Richmond District Parents' Association	C. Huang
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	S. Khan

Absent:

Trustee Member	D. Sargent
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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

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, January 15, 2025, were approved as circulated.

3. Artificial Intelligence

Assistant Superintendent Maryam Naser introduced Director of Instruction Wennie Waker who presented on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in schools. In addition, Curriculum Coordinator Chris Loat, Teacher Consultant Jonathan Tang and Teacher Vandy Advani joined in the presentation. They informed the committee on the generative AI guidelines and guiding principles, the utilization of AI tools to support teaching and learning, and generative AI pilot in schools. Chris Loat and Jonathan Tang discussed professional development that has been provided to staff, how AI tools are being integrated in secondary schools, and they shared their experiences and feedback with these tools. Jonathan Tang provided perspectives from teachers and students on the generative AI pilot, where two AI tools are being utilized in an elementary setting. Teacher Vandy Advani provided her experience and feedback with the use of AI tools at the elementary classroom level and with students.

Trustees asked questions regarding to quality of translation with AI, and expressed gratitude to staff for their work and support in the utilization of AI tools.

Partner groups asked for clarification on the use of AI tools in classrooms, and acceptable use of technology in classrooms.

4. Next Meeting Date – April 16, 2025 at 6:00pm.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Heather Larson
Chairperson, Education Committee*