

Policy Committee
Public Meeting Agenda

Monday, April 13, 2026 – 11:00 am
via Zoom

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The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hə́ŋqəmíhəm language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

- 1. Adopt Agenda**
- 2. Approve Minutes**
Public minutes from meeting held February 9, 2026 attached.
- 3. Status of Current and Anticipated Items**
Status Update attached.
- 4. Next Meeting Date – Monday, May 11, 2026 at 11:00 am**
- 5. Adjournment**

Policy Committee
Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 9, 2026 – 11:00 am
Via Zoom

Present:

Chairperson

Vice Chairperson

Trustee Member

Trustee

Superintendent

President, Richmond Teachers' Association

1st Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association

Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association

Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association

President, Richmond Association of School Administrators

Chair, Richmond Management and Administrative Professionals

Member at Large, Richmond District Parents Association

Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)

D. Tabolotney

H. Larson

D. Yang

A. Wong

C. Usih

L. Baverstock

S. Wenglowski

F. Marsic

S. Boljuncic

N. Widdess

K. Gibson

K. Ching

J. Coronel

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

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

Minutes of the meeting held November 10, 2025 were approved as circulated.

3. Proposed Policy on Renaming District Facilities (schools)

The Superintendent spoke to his report as included in the agenda package and responded to suggestions from the President of the Richmond Teachers' Association to add a column to the research summary attached to the report reflecting the district's proposed language in the renaming policy, and to include in the proposed policy a requirement that a renaming proposal should specify how it aligns with the definition of an exceptional circumstance.

In response to trustees' comments and suggestions, the Superintendent explained that the determination of whether a proposal to rename a school falls within an exceptional circumstance under the proposed policy is subject to the final decision of the board, and that the board will be

informed whether or not a proposal qualifies as an exceptional circumstance. He also noted a trustee's suggestion to name the proposed policy as *Naming and Renaming of Schools and District Facilities* for clarity.

The President of Richmond Teachers' Association further noted that Indigenous rights holders should be invited to participate as members of the Renaming Committee.

Following discussion, the committee agreed to forward the following **RECOMMENDATION** to the board:

THAT the Policy Committee recommend to the Board of Education that revised Policy 701.11-R: Naming and Renaming of Schools and District Facilities be referred to Partner Group Review Process for the period of February 19, 2026, to April 10, 2026.

4. Policy 701.12-G: School Opening Ceremony

The Superintendent shared a draft rewrite of the Administrative Guidelines on School Opening Ceremony. The President of Richmond Teachers' Association emphasized that Indigenous rights holders should be consulted in the event planning and invited to participate as speaker.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the timely revision of Policy 701.12-G which had not been updated since its approval in 2005.

5. Status of Current and Anticipated Items

A Status of Current and Anticipated Items was attached to the agenda package.

6. Next Meeting Date – Monday, April 13, 2026 at 11:00 am.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Debbie Tabolotney
Chairperson, Policy Committee*

POLICY COMMITTEE: STATUS OF CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED ITEMS

COMPLETED FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025/26		
	Policy	Dates & Actions
1	<p>Policy Refresh:</p> <p>Policy 311/311-R: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy</p> <p>Policy 311-G (A): Privacy Impact Assessments</p> <p>Policy 311-G (B): Critical Incident and Privacy Breach Procedure</p> <p>Policy 311-G (C): Personal Information Management Program</p>	Updated policy approved in September 2025
2	<p>Policy 501.8-R/501.8-G: Student Admission, Registration, Placement and Transfer</p>	Revised policy approved in January 2026

IN PROGRESS		
	Policy	Dates & Actions
1	<p>Proposed Policy on Renaming District Facilities</p> <p>Senior Staff Responsible: Chris Usih</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public report on proposed timeline shared with partner groups (Sep 2025) Public report on proposed revised timeline shared with partner groups (Nov 2025) Public report with recommendation to place policy revisions into partner group review process from February 19 to April 10, 2026 (Feb 2026)
2	<p>Policy 701.12/701.12-G: Official School Openings</p> <p>Senior Staff Responsible: Chris Usih</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public report with draft rewrite shared with partner groups for information (Feb 2026)

Updated to April 13, 2026

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ANTICIPATED		
	Policy	Dates & Actions
1	<p>Policy 105-R:</p> <p>a. District Code of Conduct: How We Learn and Work Together</p> <p>b. Respect for Personal Public Property and Environment (i.e., District Facilities, Equipment) – Senior Staff Responsible: Cindy Wang</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review after completion of the new strategic plan • Public report on draft revised policy (Feb 2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee agreed that there would be more discussion and review around process for the revision to be brought back at a later date
2	<p>Student Behaviour Policies</p> <p>a. Policy 502: Student Behaviour and Discipline</p> <p>b. Policy 502.1: Maintenance of Orderly Conduct</p> <p>c. Policy 502.2/502.2-R: Student Suspension or Exclusion from School</p> <p>d. Policy 502.3/502.3-R: Student Possession of Weapons</p> <p>Senior Staff Responsible: Braunwyn Thompson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided by Deputy Superintendent. Policies and regulations will be updated in with District Code of Conduct and brought back to the Committee for further review and feedback (Jan 2021) • Anticipate submission of revised policy to public meeting in 2025
3	<p>Policy 522/522-R: Transportation</p> <p>Senior Staff Responsible: Cindy Wang/Christel Brautigam</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy review <u>placed on hold</u>

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ANTICIPATED		
	Policy	Dates & Actions
4	<p>PHASE 3 - Policy Section 700: Facilities</p> <p>Policy 703.1 - Accident Prevention and Safety Procedure</p> <p>Policy 703.2 - First Aid and Accident Reports</p> <p>Policy 703.5 and Regulation 703.5-R - Health and Safety</p> <p>Policy 703.6 and Regulation 703.6-R - Protection of Employees from Violence in the Workplace</p> <p>Policy 705 and Regulation 705-R - Telephones</p> <p>Policy 706 - Smoke Free Environments</p> <p>Policy 703.7 and Regulation 703.7-R - Closure of Schools Due to Emergent Conditions</p> <p>Policy 707 and Regulation 707-R - Post Disaster Procedures</p> <p>Policy 708 and Regulation 708-R - Video Surveillance</p> <p>Senior Staff Responsible: Cindy Wang</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy revision <u>placed on hold</u> (Feb 2025) – for future consideration

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COMPLETED IN PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEARS		
	Policy	Dates & Actions
1	Policy 101: Goals and Objectives	Revised policy approved in May 2023
2	Policy 201: Board Operations	Revised policy approved in June 2023
3	Policy 311/311-R: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy	New policy approved in June 2023
4	Policy 621/621-R: Financial Planning and Reporting and Policy 631-R: Accumulated Operating Surplus and Capital Reserves	Revised policy approved in June 2023
5	Policy 402/402-R: Public Interest Disclosure Policy	New policy approved in December 2023
6	Policy 701.2-R: Capital Project Design Review Process	Revised policy approved in March 2024
7	Policy 200: Trustee Role, Responsibilities and Code of Ethics	Revised policy approved in May 2024
8	Policy 204-R: Creation and Revision of Policy and Regulations	Revised policy approved in May 2024
9	Policy 105: District Code of Conduct	Revised policy approved in June 2024
10	Policy 203-R/203-G: Trustee Stipend and Expenses	Revised policy approved in October 2024
11	Policy 400-R5: Smoking and Alcohol Consumption Policy 804.1-R: Community Use of District Facilities	Revised policies approved in October 2024
12	Policy Refresh: Policy 101/101-R: Strategic Planning	Updated policies approved in December 2024
13	Policy Refresh: Policy 103: Collaboration and Community Policy 103-R (A): Foundations for Learning Policy 103-R (B): Complaints and Appeals by Staff	Updated policies approved in February 2025
14	Policy Refresh: Policy 105/105-R: District Code of Conduct	Updated policy approved in March 2025
15	Policy 102: Diversity and Inclusion	Revised policy approved in May 2025
16	Policy 103 Bylaw: Complaints by Students, Parents & the Public	Revised policy approved in May 2025
17	Policy 201 Bylaw: Board Operations	Revised policy approved in June 2025

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