

**Policy Committee**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, January 12, 2026 – 11:00 am**  
**Via Zoom**

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**Present:**

Chairperson	D. Tablotney
Vice Chairperson	H. Larson
Trustee Member	D. Yang
Trustee	A. Wong
Superintendent	C. Usih
President, Richmond Teachers' Association	L. Baverstock
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association	S. Wenglowski
Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association	F. Marsic
Vice President, Richmond Teachers' Association	S. Boljuncic
President, Richmond Association of School Administrators	N. Widdess
President, Canadian Union of Public Employees 716	S. Robinson
Chair, Richmond Management and Administrative Professionals	K. Gibson
Vice President, Richmond District Parents Association	A. Gong
Member at Large, Richmond District Parents Association	K. Ching
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary)	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 hə́nǵəmiñəm 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. Policy 501.8-R/501.8-G: Student Admission, Registration, Placement and Transfer**

The Superintendent spoke to his report as included in the agenda package.

The President of Richmond Teachers' Association (RTA) expressed appreciation for the consideration given to RTA's feedback during the policy review, noting that the RTA has raised concerns on multiple occasions regarding the size of some city centre schools. She also highlighted RTA's feedback related to precarious immigration status, indicating that this matter should be addressed during a full review of Policy 501.8-R/501.8-G.

A trustee proposed an additional change to 501.8-R for consistency in the use of terminology:

- 3.1 A student **who lives within the current boundaries of a school in-catchment**, has been placed in a school or has transferred into a school will have guaranteed continuous registration in the school where he/she is currently attending. This guarantee does not apply in circumstances where a school is closed, boundaries are changed, or where a new school is opened, and the transfer of students from the closed school and/or to the new school is deemed necessary by the Board.

The committee then agreed to bring forward the following **RECOMMENDATION** to the board:

**THAT** the Chairperson of the Policy Committee bring forward a Notice of Motion to the Board of Education at the January 13, 2026, special public meeting that a recommendation for the board's consideration will be presented at the January 21, 2026 public meeting to approve revised Policy 501.8- R/501.8-G: Student Admission, Registration, Placement and Transfer.

**4. Status of Current and Anticipated Items**

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

**5. Next Meeting Date – Monday, February 9, 2026 at 11:00 am.**

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Debbie Tablotney  
Chairperson, Policy Committee*