

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 38 (RICHMOND)
7811 GRANVILLE AVENUE, RICHMOND, BC (via ZOOM)
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M.

Present:	Chairperson	K. Hamaguchi
	Trustees	S. Nixon
		N. Goldstein
		H. Larson
		D. Sargent
		R. Lee
		D. Tablotney
	Superintendent of Schools	S. Robinson
	Deputy Superintendent	R. Ryan
	Secretary Treasurer	R. Uyeno
	Assistant Superintendent	L. Archer
	Assistant Superintendent	W. Lim
	Executive Director, Facilities Services	F. Geyer
	Executive Director, Learning & Business Technology	R. Laing
	Director, Communications & Marketing	D. Sadler
	Recording Secretary	C. Cleary

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the h n q min m (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

The Chairperson called the meeting to order 7:06 pm.

1. *Recognition of Visitors, Announcements and Updates from Trustees*

(a) Recognition of Visitors

The Chairperson welcomed the gallery to the meeting.

- (b) Trustee Larson - This month, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about, appreciating and acknowledging the contributions First Nations, Inuit and Metis people have made in shaping Canada. On Sunday, June 21st, Canadians from all walks of life are invited to participate in events that will take place to honour Indigenous peoples across the country.

Trustee Nixon - Every year the Richmond School District hosts the French public speaking contest for grades 6-12 where the students prepare 2-5 minute speeches about a topic that interests them. Unfortunately, this year, the event was cancelled. As an alternative, Canadian Parents for French (CPF) invited students in Kindergarten through grade 12 across Canada to record and virtually post 1-3 minute videos, en Français, sharing how they are spending their time while learning was postponed and events were cancelled.

We celebrate all of the students that submitted their videos and want to acknowledge the following winners from Richmond:

Category grade 11/12 Core French

2nd place: Kyle Palacios, Palmer Secondary, Richmond, BC grade 12

Category grade 10 Core French

3rd place: Dominique Vega, Cambie Secondary, Richmond, BC grade 10

Category grade 6b French Immersion

3rd place: Alina Krasnoperova, Bridge Elementary, Richmond, BC grade 6

Congratulations to these students and all those who participated.

Secretary-Treasurer Uyeno - A reminder was made for those that joined the meeting to please ensure that video was off and microphones muted to eliminate background noise;

For Trustees, video turned on for the entire meeting and microphones muted unless speaking;

There will be two question periods at which time, questions sent to the Board meeting email account will be read out. For those who have not already submitted questions, there is an opportunity to via: boardmeetings@sd38.bc.ca;

Trustees and stakeholder participants were advised to use the 'raise hand' feature by tapping on the participant icon at the bottom of the Zoom screen and prior to asking a question or making a comment, state their name.

For the public joining the meeting, they are able to listen to the meeting but not speak or use chatbox during the meeting; and

Audio/video recording of the meeting will be made available for viewing after this meeting.

(c) Any materials not included in packages available to the public.

The Secretary Treasurer noted that an email from Daniella Jovanovic regarding Black History in BC Schools curriculum was received on June 8, 2020 and added to the public agenda package on the District website.

2. *Adoption of Agenda*

A Recommendation was added to the Agenda under Item New Business 7(b) Anti-racism Response.

076/2020 MOVED BY N. GOLDSTEIN AND SECONDED BY H. LARSON:

and THAT the Wednesday, June 10, 2020 Regular agenda of the Board MOV

(b) Special Recognitions

Nil.

(c) Briefs

Nil.

(d) Questions from the Public

There were no questions submitted.

4. *Executive*

The Superintendent of Schools provided an update on activities since the May Board meeting. The Superintendent noted that the re-opening of schools on June 1st throughout the District went smoothly. The school sites were well prepared with health and safety protocols and thanks were extended to staff across the District who worked hard to welcome students back into a safe and healthy school environment. In particular, thanks were expressed to operations and custodial staff who worked hard to get the schools prepared, clean and safe. There was an increase of elementary kids attending in person over the first week which is a good sign that parents are starting to feel more comfortable with their children in face to face instruction. Secondary school numbers were lower than expected but online learning has provided support with steady attendance at each of the ten schools.

The Superintendent spoke about the speculation on what September may look like for schools. The Premier, Minister of Education and Provincial Health Officer have all made recent comments that there will likely be a hybrid model for the Fall. The District is looking at some possible models and will share information with staff, parents and the community when it becomes available.

The Strategic Planning process has been extended due to Covid-19 and there will be opportunities for stakeholder input early in the Fall.

The Superintendent thanked parents throughout the District for their understanding and patience during these uncertain and unpredictable times over the past few months.

5. *Approval of Minutes*

(a) Regular meeting of the Board held May 13, 2020

077/2020 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY S. NIXON:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) approve the Minutes of Wednesday, May 13, 2020 Regular meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

(b) Record of an In-camera meeting of the Board held May 13, 2020 was included for information.

6. *Business Arising*

(a) 2020/2021 Annual Budget

A memorandum from the Secretary-Treasurer was included with the Agenda package and background provided. The Secretary-Treasurer advised that the pandemic presented challenges in these unprecedented times including disruption of in-class instruction, lower projected enrolment of international students due to travel restrictions, and other factors causing a negative impact on the School District. However, he noted that thankfully the District is in a strong financial position and noted appreciation due in part to Senior Team, the Finance Team, Trustees, key Stakeholders – RTA, CUPE, RDPA and RMAPs for their participation and input into the Budget Advisory Process.

There were questions and comments from trustees beginning with thanks and gratitude to the Secretary-Treasurer and staff for working through this very difficult time. Trustees noted concern regarding the funding changes and uncertainty about the international program but also expressed that the District is fortunate to have a

079/2020 SECOND READING MOVED BY N. GOLDSTEIN AND SECONDED BY
S. NIXON:

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- (b) Education Committee
Chair: Ken Hamaguchi
Vice Chair: Norman Goldstein
- (c) Facilities and Building Committee
Chair: Debbie Tablotney
Vice Chair: Sandra Nixon

- (i) School Acquisition Charge Resolution

Background on the Eligible School Site Proposal (ESSP) was provided by the Executive Director, Facilities Services. The ESSP is required to be passed by the Board of Education annually to identify proposed new school site requirements in the District, including long term future acquisitions. Once adopted by the Board, a certified copy of its ESSP resolution and report will be provided to the City of Richmond and Metro Vancouver Regional District for acceptance pursuant to the School Site Acquisition Provisions of the Local Government Act. The eligible school site requirements are also included in the District's Five-Year Capital Plan.

086/2020 MOVED BY D. TABLOTNEY AND SECONDED BY D. SARGENT:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond) approves the 2020-21 Eligible School Site Proposal (ESSP) through adoption of the 2020-21 ESSP Resolution.

CARRIED

- (ii) 2021/2022 Five-Year Capital Plan

The Executive Director, Facilities Services spoke to the memorandum attached to the agenda package providing background on the annual Five Year Capital Plan submissions used by the Ministry of Education to determine priority capital projects that may be supported or approved in the Ministry's Capital Plan for the following fiscal year. The Executive Director outlined the Major Capital projects including: Seismic Mitigation Program, School Expansion Program, School Replacement Program, and the Minor Capital Funding Programs that include: School Enhancement Program, Carbon Neutral Capital Program, Bus Acquisition Program, Playground Equipment Program the Building Envelope Program. All projects recommended for submission are consistent with the District's Long Range Facilities Plan.

087/2020 MOVED BY D. TABLOTNEY AND SECONDED BY H. LARSON:

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 38 (Richmond) approves the 2021-2022 Five-Year Capital Plan.

CARRIED

- (iii) Minutes of meeting held March 4, 2020 were attached for information.

10. *Correspondence*

FOR ACTION:

- (a) An email dated June 3, 2020 received from Daniella Jovanovic regarding Black History in BC Schools curriculum.

Trustee Tablotney provided background and information on the current curriculum relating to racism noting there is some curriculum relating to racism against indigenous and other peoples woven throughout the curriculum at both elementary and secondary. This includes past discriminatory government practices such as the Chinese Head Tax, residential schools, Japanese internment, and the impact of colonization on First Peoples in BC embedded in elementary curriculum. There are no specific references to the history of racism directed at the black community.

091/2020 MOVED BY D. TABLOTNEY AND SECONDED BY D. SARGENT:

In acknowledging that current Ministry of Education curriculum contains information on the history of racism towards different racial groups - but not specifically the history of racism towards the black community, that the Board of Education of School District #38 (Richmond) write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting that Canadian Black history, including the history of racism towards the black community, be included as prescribed BC curriculum for elementary and secondary school students.

CARRIED

11. *Board Committee and Representative Reports*

- (a) Council/Board Liaison Committee

Trustee Hamaguchi provided an update on the Council Board meeting that was held June 10th with topics including the childcare strategy and joint plan for playground re-opening in the District.

12. *Adjournment*

092/2020 MOVED BY N. GOLDSTEIN AND SECONDED BY D. TABLOTNEY:

THAT the regular meeting of Wednesday, June 10, 2020 of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adjourned at 9:00 pm.

CARRIED

K. HAMAGUCHI,
CHAIRPERSON

R. UYENO,
SECRETARY TREASURER