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Board of Education
Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 21

(b) An n ouncemen ts

T r u stee T ab lo tney: As t onight is our final bo ard meet ing of the sc hool year, I wo uld like t o

take a moment to reflec t on our collaborative c ommit me nt t o advoc ac y. Over the past year,

our board has list ened to the voices of ou r partner g rou p s, dedic at ed st aff, eng ag ed st uden t s,

and supportive parents/gua rdians, all with the aim of u n derstanding the needs and priorities

of our scho ol community.

Over the past few mon t hs, we have a c tively engag ed in numerous disc us sions and mee ting s

with t he M ayor and C ounc il of Richmond, loc al M L A’s, the Selec t Standing C ommitt ee, and

our M embers of P ar liament.

The Board w ith support from pa rtner g roups, direc ted our advocacy towards the enrollmen t

pressures in the c ity c enter, undersc oring the u rg ent need for expans ion of exi sting

elementary schools, and new elementary sc hools that c an ac c ommodat e our eve r - g rowing

student population. Ad ditionally, we emph asized the crit ical importance of seismic upgrades,

Settlement Workers in Schools, an d securing the necessary funding to supp ort various

ministry initiatives, such as fo od security, Indigenous education, and anti - racism.

We are proud o f t he progress m a de as a boar d in rais ing awareness an d init iat ing meaning ful

disc ussions wi t h many of t he imp ort ant dec ision- makers. Our advocacy work has n ot only

shed lig ht on the c halleng es our district fac es but has als o opened door s for c olla boration an d

potential part nerships t hat w ill benefit ou r c ommunity.

As we look a head to t he c oming ye ar, the board is c omm itted t o building upon the prog ress

we have made. We remain st ead fast in our c ommitment io1 Tf 137 (r)8(g)-5(792 r c2 0 G 9 792 re W n BT /F1 7e. W)

r22 004tritt on the c BT /F1 11 Tf 1 0 0 1 421. bsl benefit our community.

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3. Presentations, Briefs, Special Recognition

(a) Presentations

Nil.

 (b) Special Recognitions

Nil.

 (c) Briefs

Nil.

4. Questions from the Public

A member of the public asked a question regarding education programs and curriculum relating
to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI). Assistant MacMillan and Acting Deputy
Superintendent provided explanation on the curriculum and information regarding the
importance for schools to be inclusive and safe spaces for students of all sexual orientations and
gender identities.

Another member of the public made a brief statement regarding SOGI in schools.

5. Executive

The Acting Superintendent shared a slideshow presentation on events around the district,
including the first Student Voice Forum, ways Richmond schools are honouring and learning about
Indigenous History, culture, traditions, and languages in June for National Indigenous History
Month, ways Richmond schools are recognizing Pride Season,

THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes of Wednesday, May 24,
2023, regular meeting as circulated.

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7. Business Arising from Prior Minutes

(a) Strategic Plan Update – Priority 3

The Secretary Treasurer spoke to the report from the

(i) RECOMMENDATION: Alternate Programs Review Report.

088/2023 MOVED BY H. LARSON AND SECONDED BY A. WONG:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) direct staff to proceed with
the recommendations contained in the Alternate Program Review
report.

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(ii) Minutes of the meeting held on May 17, 2023

THAT the Board of Education approve the attached Policy 311/311-R:
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy, in accordance with
Board Policy 204: Creation and Revision of Policy and Regulations.

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(iii) RECOMMENDATION: Policy 621/621-R: Financial Planning and Reporting and Policy
631-R Accumulated Operating Surplus and Capital Reserves.

(b) For information:

Richmond Poverty Reduction Coalition (RPRC)

This letter was received in response to the letter and submission from RPRC regarding
universal school meal programs.

English Language Learner (ELL) Consortium MP Letter Template