

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, OCTOBER 28, 2020
AT 7:00 P.M.

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

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.

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;

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

- (b) Trustee Sargent - The Richmond Board of Education is currently seeking input on our draft Strategic Plan. Our community partners and members of the public are invited to provide feedback on the plan through the Let's Talk link on our district website which will be open until November 13th. All feedback will be considered by the Board prior to the final strategic plan being approved in December.

Trustee Larson - On November 5, 2020, the Richmond School District acknowledges our annual Support Staff Recognition day and the many contributions of our support staff. Support staff are vital to the day to day operations of our District and to the success of our students. Our dedicated and skilled team of support staff provide expertise in multiple areas across the district,

3. *Presentations, Special Recognitions, Briefs and Questions from the Public*

(a) Presentations - Art Card Project

The Superintendent introduced Catherine Ludwig, Principal, Blair Elementary & District Administrator, Fine Arts.

Ms. Ludwig first acknowledged the h n q m i n m language group and appreciation for being invited to present on the District Art Card project. Ms. Ludwig provided background on the project that included ten different art cards, created by ten young artists from K-

Trustees thanked the Director for his thorough report and praised the program for all it delivers to the students and community.

7. *New Business*

(a) Foundry Richmond

The Director of Instruction – Student Services provided background and an update on Foundry Richmond. Foundry Richmond is part of a network of Youth Services Canada through BC designed to address mental health, substance use, and primary care needs for young people aged 12-24.

The Foundry model of support is to provide young people with safe, non-judgmental care and resources in a timely way, before health challenges become increasingly problematic. Foundry brings health and social services together under one roof to make it easier for young people to access care, connection and supports they require. Care and support are provided to match the level of service to the need of the individual. Additional Foundry information can be accessed at: <https://foundrybc.ca>.

The Director updated Trustees on the new Richmond Foundry location at 8100 Granville Avenue that provides in-person and virtual support to youth. It is hoped that a permanent location near city centre will be operational in future. The Foundry community partnership is provided at no cost to the School District.

Trustees had questions on whether children can walk in or must be referred. The Director responded that it can be either as an online or inbound service and that as of age 12, can access services on their own. Trustees noted how thankful the community will be to have this much needed service and asked if the word is getting out there that this service is available. The Director noted that social media, referral and online and on site access is building.

8. *Questions from the Public: Tonight's Agenda*

Liz Baverstock, President, Richmond Teachers' Association asked about the loss of funding potential as a direct impact from the loss of students, and a significant amount of FTE to support those learners.

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that with the additional provincial and federal funding to support the Safe Return to Class for Students, pressures were reduced with the transitional learning programs; however, it will affect the overall operating budget.

9. *Standing Committee Reports*

(a) Audit Committee

12. *Adjournment*

119/2020 MOVED BY D. TABLOTNEY AND SECONDED BY H. LARSON:

THAT the regular meeting of Wednesday, October 28, 2020 of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adjourned at 9:01 pm.

CARRIED