



Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2019
9:00 a.m.

School District Administration Offices
1st Floor Boardroom

Present: Trustee Chair, Ken Hamaguchi
Trustee, Sandra Nixon
Trustee, Debbie Tablotney
Trustee, Heather Larson
Councillor Kelly Greene
Councillor Alexa Loo

Also Present: S. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, SD 38
R. Uyeno, Secretary Treasurer, SD 38
F. Geyer Executive Director, Planning & Development, SD 38
S. Lusk, General Manager, Community Services, CoR
K. Somerville, Manager, Community Social Development, CoR
D. Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR
E. Ayers, Director, Recreation and Sport Services, CoR*
P. Brar, Manager, Parks Program*
W. Plante, Executive Assistant, SD 38
V. Shashikumar, Executive Assistant, SD 38

* present for a portion of the meeting

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmi̓nəm̓ (hun-ki-meen-um) language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 am and introductions of attendees occurred.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded

That the Council/Board Liaison Committee agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

2. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 be approved as amended. The Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR will advise the City clerk's office of revisions to be made on pages 4 and 5.

3. STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

The Manager, Transportation Planning distributed minutes from the last meeting of October 4, 2018 and briefed attendees regarding concerns about parents making illegal maneuvers at Cambie and No. 5 Road. There was discussion about seeking RCMP re-enforcement to avoid traffic violations in this area. The Deputy Superintendent will follow up with the school administration regarding these concerns.

In response to the traffic concerns around Mitchell Elementary, the Executive Director, Planning and Development, SD 38, mentioned that the upcoming seismic upgrade/partial replacement project at Mitchell (which is awaiting final funding approval from the Ministry, expected shortly) will see the oldest part of the school demolished along with the driveway off of Cambie Road, with the existing driveway off No. 5 road becoming the only access in and out of the reconfigured site. The new main entrance to the school building will be at the north side, with a new drop-off/pick-up loop incorporated into the design.

4. BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Draft Recreation & Sport Strategy 2018-2023

The Director, Recreation and Sports Services made a presentation highlighting the importance of Recreation Sports Strategy for Mental Health, and Richmond community's ranking in comparison to other communities in sports and recreation. Various options to improve student participation in physical activities were discussed such as creating awareness about the wellness programs, improving engagement with parents, improving infrastructure to promote active life by inclusion in the LRFP plans, and having physical activity mentors in schools to promote physical literacy.

In response to a question about student participation in physical activity at school, the Deputy-Superintendent indicated that the Physical and Health Education course is mandatory for students and is part of their daily physical activity up to and including grade ten. It was also observed that the survey question for parents regarding physical activity did not clearly refer to 'vigorous activity'. It was agreed that physical education needs to be affordable and available and the Council/Board members would continue to work together for this purpose.

4.2 Snow Angel Program

The Manager, Parks Program discussed about the Snow Angel Program and how volunteers signup to help the community to clear their drive way in case of snow. Students as young as 16 can be a part of the program as volunteers. It was agreed that the Council/Board and the district team would work closely to promote such volunteer programs.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th, at 9:30 am.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.

CARRIED