

Council/Board Liaison Committee

Public Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 – 9:30 am
via Zoom Webinar

Present:

Chairperson, Trustee, School District #38	H. Larson
Representative, Trustee, School District #38	D. Sargent
Trustee, School District #38	A. Wong
Councillor, City of Richmond	L. Gillanders
Councillor, City of Richmond	A. Loo
Superintendent of Schools, School District #38	C. Usih
Secretary Treasurer, School District #38	C. Wang
Assistant Superintendent, School District #38	M. Naser
Assistant Superintendent, School District #38	B. Thompson
Director, Communications & Marketing, School District #38	D. Sadler
Director, Richmond Project Team, School District #38	J. Ho
Director of Instruction, Student Services & Data Analytics, School District #38	R. Johal
Director, Recreation & Sports Services, City of Richmond	K. Miller
Director, Community Social Development, City of Richmond	K. Somerville
General Manager, Community Services, City of Richmond	E. Ayers
Executive Assistant (Recording Secretary), School District #38	T. Lee
Supervisor, Traffic Operations, City of Richmond	B. Dhaliwal

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledged and thanked the First Peoples of the hən̓q̓əmiñəm language group on whose traditional and unceded territories we teach, learn and live.

Prior to the meeting agenda items, the Chairperson initiated introductions in the Committee.

1. Adopt Agenda

Councillor Loo proposed adding “Adolescent Health Survey” and “Recycling and Solid Waste Management Report” to the agenda. The Chairperson noted the additions as items 3.5 and 3.6, respectively.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Council/School Board Liaison Committee Public Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, April 30, 2025, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

2. Adopt Minutes

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Public Minutes of the Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Standing Items

Due to technical difficulties experienced, the Chairperson adjusted the order of the agenda. Items 3.2 to 3.4 were addressed prior to item 3.1.

3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

City staff noted that, at the November Traffic Safety Advisory Committee meeting, a proposal was made to distribute a traffic safety bulletin to schools in fall 2025, in partnership with the School District, ICBC, and Vancouver Coastal Health. The bulletin will provide safety resources for staff, students, and parents. Traffic congestion issues at some elementary schools during pick-up and drop-off times were also raised, and the City will work with the School District on solutions.

3.2 Child Care Update

City staff noted that in recognition of Childcare Month in May, the City, in partnership with the Child Care Advisory Committee, will host the annual Child Care Symposium on May 3, 2025, for local childcare providers. Additionally, a children's art exhibit will be featured at the Richmond Cultural Centre throughout the month. Information regarding these initiatives has been distributed to all child care providers, and the City will be promoting Child Care Month through official social media channels.

3.3 Joint City and District Program Committee

District staff highlighted continued collaboration with the City, including updates on the Feeding Futures food security initiative, student volunteer engagement in City programs, and recent partnerships on after-school activities. Opportunities for future collaboration, particularly around summer and after-school programming, are ongoing.

3.4 Future Agenda Items

Nil.

3.5 Adolescence Health Survey

Councillor Loo provided an update on the recent draft of the Youth Strategy, which underwent public consultation. She highlighted concerns from the Adolescent Health Survey, particularly the decline in student fitness levels over the summer. It was proposed that the School District share relevant fitness data with the City to collaborate on developing summer activities aimed at improving youth physical activity and fitness.

Discussion focused on using health data to inform summer programming and support youth. The City and School District identified opportunities to collaborate on data sharing and planning. City staff promoted the \$29 Summer Active Pass, and both City and District staff agreed to improve family communication, including outreach and translation.

3.6 Recycling and Solid Waste Management Report

Councillor Loo noted Council approved the 2024 Recycling and Solid Waste Management Report, which includes a pilot bike recycling program. While initial results were limited, Council expressed interest in partnering with schools to support student-led bike repair initiatives that provide refurbished bikes and gear to those in need.

Discussion ensued regarding exploring a potential student-led bike recycling initiative in schools.

4. Business Arising and New Business

Nil.

5. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 9:30 am

6. Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:53 am.

CARRIED