



Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Minutes

Wednesday, June 5, 2013
9:00 a.m.

School District Administration Offices 4th Floor Conference Room

Present: Trustee Donna Sargent, Chair
Trustee Norm Goldstein, Co-Representative, SD 38
Councillor Linda Barnes
Councillor Linda McPhail

Also Present: M. Pamer, Superintendent of Schools, SD 38
M. De Mello, Secretary Treasurer, SD 38
W. Lim, Assistant Superintendent, SD 38**
C. Mason, Director, Facilities and Operations, SD 38
D. Semple, General Manager, Community Services, City Of Richmond
V. Wei, Director, Transportation, City Of Richmond
E. Ayers, Manager, Community Recreation Services, City of Richmond*
T. Crowe, Manager, Policy Planning, City of Richmond*
M. Redpath, Senior Manager Parks, City of Richmond*
L. Sherlock, Social Planner, City of Richmond
W. Plante, Executive Assistant, SD 38

Regrets: Trustee R. Belleza, Co-Representative, SD 38

* present for a portion of the meeting

** joined the meeting in progress

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

- Add Item 4.6 Pacific Autism Family Centre
- Add Item 4.7 Healthy Richmond Report
- Add Item 4.8 Annual Report

It was moved and seconded

- **That the agenda for the meeting of Wednesday, June 5, 2013 be approved as amended.**

2. MINUTES

- It was moved and seconded
- **That the minutes of the meeting of the Council/Board Liaison Committee held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 be adopted as circulated.**

3. STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Joint School District / City Management Committee

- The General Manager, Community Services advised that all cities who have hosted the Olympics throughout the world will be hosting an open house June 17.
- Good opportunity to meet athletes who will also be involved.
- Schools will be participating also.
- The Superintendent spoke on improving the esthetics of the Mitchell school property.
- The General Manager, Community Services, will look into a community garden initiative on the Mitchell school property. He also spoke on other areas that the City is looking at to improve curb appeal.
- Councillor McPhail echoed concerns from community residents who also want the area improved.
- The General Manager, Community Services indicated that the Land Committee will be meeting to discuss future plans for school lands and park sites.

3.2 Programs

- It was noted that the Director of Instruction Learning Services attended the May 14, 2013 Joint Program Committee meeting.
- The Manager, Community Recreation Services highlighted the well-attended event called "U Rock Power of 5" awarding Richmond youth and stressed the importance of connection to community.
- The District Administrator - Student Placement attended the May 10 International Day for physical movement on behalf of the school district.
- It was noted that this event supports a great partnership with the city, school and community.
- Councillor Barnes received several positive comments regarding healthy move day.

3.3 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

- The Manager of Transportation spoke on ICBC initiatives, local neighborhood traffic calming practices, speed reader boards and major road improvements in east Richmond.
- He also noted driver behavior concerns at Garden City and Williams road intersection where cars dropping off students on the road, stopping in the no stopping zone and driving through in the right turn only lane.
- The Manager of Transportation has contacted the principal to discuss concerns.
- Better communication with parents, school administrators and staff was recommended.
- Communicating with PAC groups was also raised to bring awareness to student groups.

3.4 School Planning and Construction Schedule

- The Director, Facilities and Planning provided updates on Gilmore, Boyd and Errington Learning Centre.
- Ministry is issuing the 2013-2014 Capital Plan in October.
- Construction is currently light, however the process of remediating the Hugh Boyd Secondary building envelope is at 73% and should be completed by September 2013.
- Construction at Errington Learning Centre has started and will be completed in September 2013.

4. BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

4.1 King George Master Plan

- The Senior Manager Parks, spoke to his report noting this was a 10 year concept plan that involved the community.
- Seven areas for improvement were identified which are:
 - Edges and Identity
 - Wayfinding and Information
 - Paths and Seating
 - Picnic and Play Area
 - Woodlot
 - Cambie Hollow
 - The East Richmond Community Centre Plaza
- Discussion ensued on the importance of building great partnerships through student body engagement to help create art and green space initiatives.

4.2 Proposed Hamilton Area Plan - Concept

- The Manager, Policy Planning provided a brief history of the area.
- He spoke on population growth, park improvement and a future indoor recreation space.
- Westminster/Queensborough population growth was also noted.
- It was reported that community consultation took place.
- Discussion on future transit concerns ensued noting the City is working closely with Translink on a transit plan for the short and long term.
- The importance of an additional school in the area was discussed and the need for the district and the City to work together to determine a site.
- Discussion ensued on long range facility plans and working together to determine sites.

ACTION: Return this issue to the next In-Camera fall meeting.

4.3 Development Update

- The Manager, Policy Planning provided a brief development update on some of the developments currently underway.

The Manager, Policy Planning and Senior Manager Parks departed the meeting at 10:31am.

4.4 Child Poverty Issues and Initiatives

- The Assistant Superintendent provided updates with on-going initiatives in Richmond Schools to support families in need by collecting and donating food, clothing, etc.
- The Superintendent attended the March 14, 2013 Richmond Community Services Advisory Committee (RCSAC) meeting to present the September 2012 Child Poverty Issues and Initiatives Report and invited RCSAC to partner with the school district to identify further child poverty-related impact, issues and initiatives. She will continue to attend RCSAC meetings.
- The Assistant Superintendent advised that School Administrators, PAC's and District staff continue to advocate for Richmond students in need for sponsorship of breakfast and lunch programs.
- She also advised Richmond has 14 schools with breakfast programs, 8 school with lunch programs and 6 schools that provide both.
- Councillor McPhail advised that the City's poverty report provided mapping of areas where poverty issues are larger.
- The Social Planner, CoR advised that the difficulty of working with a 2006 consensus data as areas have changed dramatically.
- Councillor Barnes noted next steps would be to meet with area MLA's to get data and to have both organizations write a letter to the Federal Government to reinstate the Long Form Census form.

It was agreed that a **RECOMMENDATION** will be forwarded to the June 17, 2013 Public meeting of the Board:

THAT the Board of Education (Richmond) write a letter to the Federal Government asking for the reinstatement of the mandatory Long Form Census questionnaire.

- Councillor Barnes advised it would be beneficial for City staff to support school breakfast and lunch initiatives by attending.

ACTION: Trustees, school Councillors and city staff be invited to attend breakfast, lunch programs and other events regarding poverty initiatives.

ACTION: Add further discussion regarding child poverty issues on the next In-Camera Council Board agenda

The Manager, Community Recreation Services departed the meeting at 10:49am.

4.5 City Works Yard Open House

- Trustees noted their interest in the district participating in this event in the future.

4.6 Pacific Autism Family Centre

- Councillor McPhail distributed information supplied to Council by the Pacific Autism Family Centre who are intending in developing a state of the art facility in Richmond.
- Councillor Barnes advised that Pacific Autism Family Centre is looking forward to working with the school district.

4.7 Healthy Richmond

- Councillor Barnes presented a report titled Healthy Richmond 2012, to be forwarded to staff but noted it is available on line also.

ACTION: District staff to add the Healthy Richmond 2012 report to a future Personnel & Finance committee agenda.

4.8 Annual Report

- Councillor Barnes distributed a copy and advised that it is also available on line

5. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 am.