

Council/Board Liaison Committee Public Minutes

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019
9:30 a.m.**

School District Administration Offices 1st Floor Boardroom

Present: K. Hamaguchi, Trustee Chair, SD 38
D. Tablotney, Trustee, SD 38
K. Greene, Councillor, CoR
A. Loo, Councillor, CoR

Also Present: S. Robinson, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, SD 38
F. Geyer Executive Director, Planning & Development, SD 38
K. Somerville, Manager, Community Social Development, CoR
D. Chan, Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR
E. Ayers, Director, Recreation and Sport Services, CoR
M. Corrado, Senior Manager, Community Safety Policy and Programs, CoR
B. Johal, Supervisor - Traffic Signal Systems, CoR
S. Walters, Chief Librarian, Richmond Public Library, CoR
V. Shashikumar, Executive Assistant, SD 38

Regrets: S. Nixon, Trustee, SD 38
R. Uyeno, Secretary Treasurer, SD 38
S. Lusk, General Manager, Community Services, CoR

The Richmond Board of Education acknowledges and thanks the First Peoples of the hən̓qəmiñəm̓ (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 9:37 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, March 6, 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, January 9, 2019 be approved.

3. STANDING ITEMS

3.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

The Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR briefed attendees about key items that were discussed during the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on February 7, 2019, the minutes of which were included in the agenda package.

A concern regarding the parking and traffic situation at Anderson Elementary School was discussed and a number of solutions were proposed including: driver education, installation of signage, and vehicle parking enforcement. It was made clear that Bylaw Officers have no authority to issue tickets on school district property and that other solutions would need to be explored. It was explained that school administration at Anderson Elementary has been very engaged with the parent community in trying to resolve this issue.

Further discussions ensued about traffic situations at several other school sites including Cambie Secondary. The committee agreed to further monitor these situations before taking next steps.

4. BUSINESS ARISING & NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Traffic Safety Advisory Committee – Proposed 2019 initiatives

The Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR spoke to the report that was included in the package and informed the committee that the signage posted in school zones have successfully improved driver awareness.

4.2 Richmond Active Transportation Committee – Proposed 2019 initiatives

The Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR spoke about key initiatives, including the success of the Bike to School Education Program for students. Six elementary schools are currently funded for the program and more schools could potentially be funded through other sources if there are additional interests. Discussions ensued about the benefits of biking, education about safety rules, and the Public Bike Share Pilot Program. Plans for expansion of the project were discussed.

ACTION: The Deputy Superintendent, SD 38 and the Manager, Transportation Planning, CoR to connect and further discuss the Bike to School Education Program for students and the possibility of expanding the program to other schools.

4.3 LRFP Engagement Process

The Executive Director, Facilities and Planning briefed attendees about the next phase of Facilities Planning in which the district is seeking public input on the development of the Long Range Facilities Plan. The public engagement plan was approved by the Board of Education on February 14th and the Let's Talk engagement website launched a public survey to gather information about how members of the public would like to be engaged. This was also discussed at the City-School District Joint meeting. Additional details can be found at:

<https://www.letstalksd38.ca/long-range-facilities-plan-public-consultation>

4.4 Richmond School District Immunization Policy

The Deputy Superintendent, SD 38 spoke about the recent measles outbreak and informed the committee that the district is working closely with Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) regarding this issue. He indicated that the School District takes direction from VCH on health related matters.

4.5 Staff Wellness – opportunities

Trustee Tablotney, SD 38 inquired about possible discounts at the Richmond Oval or other City recreation facilities for District youth and staff in order to promote wellness in the community.

ACTION: The Director, Recreation and Sports Services, CoR will put together a list of corporate discounts available to district staff. The District staff could promote the corporate offers so as to encourage physical fitness and wellbeing.

4.6 Parking at Anderson Elementary

Discussed under item 3.1

4.7 Health Canada Questionnaire on Cannabis Edibles, Extracts and Topicals

The Senior Manager, Community Safety Policy and Programs spoke to this item and offered to respond to questions.

4.8. Promotion of Library Services for Vulnerable Youth

The Manager, Community Social Development, CoR informed the committee that staff receive referrals for vulnerable youth and explore different ways to create awareness about available services in collaboration with community partners. The library has been supporting this initiative helping in areas of mental health, addiction services and supporting vulnerable youth by organizing workshops.

The Chief librarian spoke to the Richmond Public Library’s Strategic plan and highlighted some key initiatives:

- the Richmond Public Library is partnering with the Richmond School District so that every grade 1 child at Richmond receives a library card
- Blundell Community Outreach Program in partnership with Richmond School District and Vancouver Coastal Health
- Making connections with community members from diverse groups such as Station Stretch, Youth Resilience Groups, Youth with Mental Illness, Starting Conversations, LGBTGQ youth, etc.
- Providing volunteering opportunities for youth

The attendees had questions and comments about these initiatives. Councilor Greene discussed a Ministry letter that spoke about mental health in relation to social media, dangers in the digital world as well as other issues. Trustee Tablotney, SD 38 requested that a copy of the letter be provided to the School District.

ACTION: CoR to send a copy of the Ministry letter to the School District.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8th, at 9:30 am.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:30 am.

CARRIED