

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 38 (RICHMOND)
7811 GRANVILLE AVENUE, RICHMOND, BC
a ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2022
AT 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Trustees

Superintendent of Schools
Deputy Superintendent
Secretary Treasurer
Assistant Superintendent
Assistant Superintendent
Assistant Secretary

S. Nixon
H. Larson
N. Goldstein
K. Hamaguchi
R. Lee
D. Sargent
D. Tablotney
S. Robinson
R. Ryan
C. Wang
L. Archer
C. Brautigam

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(a) **R V**

The Chairperson welcomed the gallery to the meeting.

(b) **T La** – After almost 10 years with the Richmond School District, and over 30 years in public education, Assistant Superintendent Lynn Archer will be retiring at the end of this week. Lynn joined our district in 2013 after having been a school and district administrator in the Burnaby School District and a teacher in Surrey School District.

Lynn has been a driving force on innovation and inquiry in our district and has made significant contributions to the district's framework for enhancing learning, including our district story and our school stories. She has also been instrumental in the development and implementation of our innovation inquiry grant initiative. Her legacy of over 400 teachers in our schools participating in these grant opportunities will continue to positively impact our district for years to come.

Lynn has also

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(b) **SOGI A a U a**

The Director of Student Services and Analytics and District Administrator provided an overview and summary of progress regarding the implementation of the district's SOGI policy, with the following highlights:

- Availability of Gender-neutral washrooms
- Opportunities for students to connect (Rainbow Cafés and Diversity Clubs)
- Rainbow crosswalks and walkways
- Rainbow network for employees
- SOGI employee scan, support and learning
- Continued work of SOGI Committee with SOGI 1-2-3 and 'Out of Schools'
- Communication plan ("Ask the Kids" newsletter)

Trustees had questions and comments on the Youth PRIDE event and the district's participation in the PRIDE parade.

The Director, Student Services and Analytics and District Administrator, Learning Services left the meeting at 8:43pm.

(c) **A a C a ab D a R**

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer spoke to her report as included in the agenda package. She then responded to a trustee's question on her report.

The Assistant Secretary Treasurer left the meeting at 8:45pm.

(d) **C a a Ea L a U a**

Assistant Superintendent Archer provided background and information on new and existing Early Learning programs in various schools and the JustB4 Pilot programs at Lee Elementary and Grauer Elementary. The Executive Director, Facilities Services

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is concerned about survey results released by a consulting firm last year stating that among Richmond high school students, 7.7% of the student population reports being a gender other than cisgender girls or cisgender boys (i.e. trans and non-binary); (2) if there is information on how many children have been socially transitioned in the school; (3) if the district believes that it may be miseducating the youth; and (4) if the district thinks that it may be leading to the misdiagnosis of girls with autism.

The Superintendent clarified that the statistic quoted by the public member represents the percentage of those who responded to the survey, not the percentage of students in the school district. This percentage is consistent with those recorded in other jurisdictions and this survey data is used to improve the experience of people in our district who face marginalization. In response to the second question, the Superintendent explained that the district does not keep data on the number of children

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A meeting was held on June 15, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 10 am.

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 Chair: Debbie Tablotney
 Vice Chair: Sandra Nixon

(i) Minutes of meeting held May 16, 2022 were attached for information.

A meeting was held on June 20, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19, 2022 at 11 am.

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The next meeting date to be determined.

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THAT the Regular meeting of Wednesday, June 29, 2022 of the Board of Education (Richmond) be adjourned at 9:41 pm.

CARRIED

S. NIXON,
 CHAIRPERSON

C. WANG,
 SECRETARY TREASURER