

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 68
MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2025

Trustees	M. Robinson, Co-Chair T. Rokeby, Co-Chair N. Bailey T. Brzovic T. Harris G. Keller L. Lee C. Morvay L. Pellegrin
Staff	M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer R. Gray, Superintendent/CEO K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services G. Robinson, Ex. Dir. Communications
Representatives	CUPE Representative: Jeff Virtanen NDTA Representative: Joanna Cornthwaite NSAA Representative: Lisa Frey

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions.

3. **DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no deletions.

4. **CHANGE IN ORDER**

There was no change in order.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

SD25/02/12-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Pellegrin

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

SD25/02/12-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Harris

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the minutes of the Strategic Directions Committee meeting held on January 15, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PRESENTATIONS

8. SENIOR STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Jacque Poulin, Assistant Superintendent

Re: Numeracy Framework Update

Jacque Poulin and Justin Green presented on the district's newly developed Numeracy Framework. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

8.2 School Presentation by John Barsby Community School

Stephen Epp, Principal of John Barsby Community School shared student success stories and how they are aligned with the Board's goals.

8.3 Kerri Steel, Director of Instruction - Learning & Inclusion

Re: Building Education Assistants through Mentorship (BEAM) Program

Kerri Steel shared the District's response to challenges with recruitment and retention of Education Assistants. The District has created a Building Education Assistants through Mentorship (BEAM) Program, with an initial cohort of 20-25 participants beginning in May 2025. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

8.4 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer and Jacquie Poulin, Assistant Superintendent

Re: Child Care Update

Mark Walsh and Jacquie Poulin provided an update and sought Board direction on the continued expansion of child care facilities. An action sheet is attached to the agenda.

SD25/02/12-03

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Morvay

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) empower staff to apply for child care spaces funding to create a child care facility at Dufferin Learning Centre.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SD25/02/12-04

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Bailey

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve up to two additional elementary school sites in the North End to host District operated Before and After School Care in September 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SD25/02/12-05

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Brzovic

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve a pilot cost-recovery based programming at appropriate sites determined by staff for summer 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Student-Parent Appeal No. 2 - Review Considerations

Mark Walsh outlined recommended changes to the Parent-Student Appeal By-law, which ensure clarity, currency and consistency of process. An action sheet is attached to the agenda.

SD25/02/12-06

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

The Strategic Directions Committee recommend that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) pass the first two readings changes to the Parent Student Appeals By-Law No. 2 and then circulate as a notice of motion for 30 days, utilizing the consultation process as per Board Governance, Section 1, 2.7 – Policy Development.

OPPOSED: Trustee Brzovic, Morvay, Harris, Robinson, Rokeby

DEFEATED

8.6 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer and Taunia Sutton, Associate Secretary-Treasurer

Re: 2024-25 Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Report (Q2)

Mark Walsh and Taunia Sutton presented the District's Amended Annual Budget and Second Quarter Financial Report. An action sheet, together with the budget reports, are attached to the agenda.

SD25/02/12-07

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Lee

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) give the School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) 2024/2025 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw all three readings at one meeting on February 26, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

SD25/02/12-08

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2024/2025 at the Board of Education meeting on February 26, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.7 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer and Taunia Sutton, Associate Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Ministry 3 Year Enrolment Projections

Mark Walsh and Taunia Sutton presented the three-year enrolment estimates, which is a requirement of the Ministry of Education and Child Care. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED FROM THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

There were none.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

12. **FOR INFORMATION**

13. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

SD25/02/12-09

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Lee

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Morvay

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY