

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MEETING
ACTION SHEET

DATE: January 14, 2025
TO: Strategic Directions Committee
FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer
SUBJECT: Policy 208 – Board Committee Representation and Annual Workplan

Recommendation

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) amend Policy 208 – Board Committee Representation and Annual Workplan to ensure that the Strategic Directions Committee has a Co-Chair model.

Discussion

Recently, the district received feedback regarding Policy 208, specifically related to formalizing the Strategic Directions Committee as a permanent committee and clarifying its membership. The Board finalized this work in the fall 2025.

During the update process, additional feedback was received supporting a co-chair model rather than a Chair and Vice-Chair structure. This feedback reflected both the successful trial year of the committee and the Board's desire to maintain leadership opportunities that support proactive succession planning. However, this feedback was inadvertently not incorporated into the final draft of Policy 208. The recommended motion is intended to remedy this.

It is noteworthy that Policy 209 continues to reference a co-chair model in Section 3.1. Given that this change is minor in nature, reflects the committee's practice over the past year, and aligns with feedback recently received through consultation on the same policy area, staff are not recommending public consultation. Should the Board adopt the recommendation, Policy 209, Section 2.1.8 will be updated accordingly for clarity and alignment. If the Board does not proceed, a corresponding update will instead be required to Policy 209, Section 3.1.

Appendix A: Revised Policy 208 – Board Committee Representation and Annual Workplan