

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

**January 14, 2026**

Trustees	M. Robinson, Chair T. Rokeby T. Brzovic G. Keller L. Lee C. Morvay L. Pellegrin
Absent	N. Bailey T. Harris
Staff	R. Gray, Superintendent/CEO M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services G. Robinson, Ex. Dir. Communications T. Sutton, Associate Secretary-Treasurer J. Poulin, Assistant Superintendent M. Olsen, Assistant Superintendent K. Steel, Director of Instruction K. Funke-Robinson, Director of Instruction B. Hancock, Director of Instruction
Representatives	CUPE Representative: Jeff Virtanen NDTA Representative: Megan Simmer NSAA Representative: Jeff Hasenauer IEC Representative: Denise Augustine

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 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**

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That the Agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of December 10, 2025, were approved as presented.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

8. **SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

8.1 **Brett Hancock, Director of Instruction, Priority Populations**

- Update on Board Goal - Truth & Reconciliation
- NLPS 2025 Lehal Tournament (Stephen Epp, Principal John Barsby Secondary School)

Brett Hancock provided an update on district's commitment to the Board's goal of Truth & Reconciliation. An information sheet is attached to the agenda. Stephen Epp, Principal of John Barsby Secondary School, shared a video of the district's 2025 Lehal Tournament and discussed the school's ongoing work with Elders.

8.2 **Margaret Olsen, Assistant Superintendent**

Re: District Program Review - Island ConnectEd

Margaret Olsen presented the district's review of the Island ConnectEd program. An information sheet, together with the report, is attached to the agenda.

8.3 **Brett Hancock, Director of Instruction, Priority Populations**

Re: Academies Update

Brett Hancock provided an update on the district's academies. A more in-depth review will be presented late fall 2026. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

8.4 **Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer**

Re: District Operating Grant Update

Mark Walsh provided an update on the district's operating grant. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

8.5 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Administrative Procedures Update

Mark Walsh provided results of a recent review of the following Administrative Procedures:

- Administrative Procedure 301.2AP - Active Transportation was created
- Administrative Procedure 602.15AP - Student Illness/Injury/Concussion was updated
- Administrative Procedure 503.10AP - Second Language Instruction was deleted

An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

8.6 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Policy 208 - Board Committee Representation and Annual Workplan

Mark Walsh proposed a minor change to Policy 208 - Board Committee Representation and Annual Workplan, recommending a co-chair model rather than a Chair and Vice-Chair structure for the Strategic Directions Committee. An action sheet is attached to the agenda.

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IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Rokeby

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Keller

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.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

There was none.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**12. FOR INFORMATION**

None

13. **QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions this evening.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

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