



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

**March 4, 2026**

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| Trustees        | T. Rokeby, Chair<br>M. Robinson, Vice-Chair<br>T. Brzovic<br>T. Harris<br>G. Keller<br>L. Lee<br>C. Morvay<br>N. Bailey<br>L. Pellegrin   |
| Staff           | R. Gray, Superintendent/CEO<br>M. Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer<br>K. Matthews, Manager Admin. Services<br>G. Robinson, Ex. Dir. Communications<br>J. Poulin, Assistant Superintendent<br>M. Olsen, Assistant Superintendent<br>K. Steel, Director of Instruction<br>K. Funke-Robinson, Director of Instruction<br>B. Hancock, Director of Instruction |
| Representatives | NDTA Representative: Megan Simmer<br>Student Representatives: Mannat Kamboj and Venice Tran   |

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**

SD26/03/04-01

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Keller

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Harris

That the Agenda be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of February 11, 2026, were approved as presented.

7. **PRESENTATIONS**

8. **SENIOR STAFF REPORTS**

8.1 Jacque Poulin, Assistant Superintendent and Diane McGonigle, District Principal

Re: Child Care Update

Jacque Poulin provided an update on Board operated before and after school childcare. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

8.2 Jacque Poulin, Assistant Superintendent

Re: Numeracy Framework Update

Jacque Poulin provided an update on the development of a numeracy framework that addresses the cognitive, social, and cultural aspects of numeracy instruction. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

8.3 Jacque Poulin, Assistant Superintendent

Re: Chase River Elementary School

Jacque Poulin presented some historical information on Chase River Elementary school's name and a recommended motion to engage Policy 301 - Naming of School Facilities. An action sheet is attached to the agenda.

SD26/03/04-02

IT WAS MOVED BY Trustee Brzovic

IT WAS SECONDED BY Trustee Rokeby

The Strategic Directions Committee recommends that the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) engage Policy 307 – Naming of School Facilities and assign an ad hoc Committee to rename Chase River Elementary School.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

8.4 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Capacity Issues

Mark Walsh provided a brief overview of recent additions to school capacity and identified several areas of ongoing concern that staff are proactively working to address for the 2026–27 school year and contemplating for the 2027-28 school year. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

8.5 Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

Re: Annual Facilities Grant

Mark Walsh presented the 2026/27 Annual Facility Grant. An information sheet is attached to the agenda.

**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**

There was none.

**13. QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.