

BOARD MEETING

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

With deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x̱m̱əθḵʷəy̱əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səliiwətaʔ (Tseil-Waututh Nation).

1.2 OPENING REMARKS

The meeting is currently being broadcasted live, and both the audio and video recordings will be accessible to the public for viewing even after the meeting ends. Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the agenda be approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Board Meeting of April 29, 2026

3.2 Special Board Meeting of April 30, 2026

3.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

3.4 *That the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Board meeting and April 30, 2026 Special Board meeting be adopted as circulated.*

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

4.1 Superintendent's Highlights

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 EDUCATION PLAN COMMITTEE

5.1.1 Report: Meeting of May 6, 2026

5.1.2 Matters Arising

5.1.2.1 School Codes of Conduct - Personal Digital Devices

That the Board defer consideration of the motion at this time and request that additional refinements be made to clarify key elements of the proposed direction, in order to support informed Board decision-making.

5.2 FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

5.2.1 Report: Meeting of May 13, 2026

5.2.2 Matters Arising

5.2.2.1 School Fee Schedules for 2026-2027

That the Board approve the school fee schedules for the 2026-2027 school year.

5.3 POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5.3.1 Report: Meeting of May 13, 2026

5.3.2 Matters Arising

5.3.2.1 Policy 6 - Trustee Remuneration And Expenses

That the Board approve Policy 6 - Trustee Remuneration and Expenses and further that the Board rescind trustee remuneration and expenses guidelines set out in Appendix B of Policy 7 - Board Operations.

5.3.3 Matters Arising from November 12, 2025 Meeting

5.3.3.1 Policy 18: Student Trustee

That the Board approve Board Policy 18: Student Trustee.

6. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

(The online link for submitting questions to this meeting will now be closed.)

7. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

- 7.1 Report from Trustee Fraser on the City of Vancouver Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee meeting held on March 30, 2026.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD (Submitted through the online link)

11. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION

- 11.1 Meeting of April 29, 2026
- 11.2 Special Meeting of April 29, 2026
- 11.3 Meeting of May 27, 2026

12. ADJOURNMENT

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 7:01pm

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met in room 114 (the Boardroom), VSB Education Centre, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C. on Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 7:01pm. The meeting was live streamed.

- Trustees Present:** Victoria Jung, Chairperson
Janet Fraser, Vice-Chairperson
Lois Chan-Pedley
Alfred Chien
Preeti Faridkot
Suzie Mah
Jennifer Reddy
Christopher Richardson
Joshua Zhang
Freddie Zhang (Student Trustee)
- Senior Team Members Present:** Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Schools
Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer
Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent
Maureen McRae-Stanger, Associate Superintendent
Janis Myers, Associate Superintendent
Alison Ogden, Associate Superintendent
Michael Gray, Executive Director, Employee Services
Jessie Gresley-Jones, Executive Director, Facilities
Lorelei Russell, Executive Director, Finance
- Also Present:** Patricia MacNeil, Communications Director
Judy Mah, Executive Coordinator (Recorder)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1. Land Acknowledgement

The Chairperson called the meeting to order. She acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

1.2. Opening Remarks

The Chairperson welcomed members of the audience to the meeting. She reviewed meeting decorum, and the process for submitting questions to the Board during question period. She noted that members of the audience could also submit questions for the Public Question Period using the device available in the boardroom. She then encouraged all participants to put their phones away or on silent to ensure effective engagement and interactive discussion.

In her opening remarks, the Chairperson informed the Board that she had attended the Lapu-Lapu Day of Togetherness along with many of her fellow trustees. She noted the cultural pride, resilience and unity demonstrated throughout the event and acknowledged the challenges experienced by many in both the school and broader communities during this time.

She expressed gratitude for the valuable input received from inherent rights holders, stakeholder groups, staff, students, their families and the wider community as well as the contributions of her fellow trustees throughout the Financial Planning Process.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by S. Mah, that the agenda be approved as presented.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Special Public Delegation Meeting of February 23, 2026

3.2 Board Meeting of February 25, 2026

3.3 Special Board Meeting of March 16, 2026

3.4 Special Board Meeting of April 7, 2026

3.5 Special Board Meeting/Committee of the Whole of April 13, 2026

3.6 Special Public Delegation Meeting of April 15, 2026

3.7 Special Board Meeting of April 20, 2026

3.8 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the minutes of the February 23, 2026 Special Public Delegation Board meeting, February 25, 2026 Board meeting, March 16, 2026 Special Board meeting, April 7, 2026 Special Board meeting, April 13, 2026 Special Board/Committee of the Whole meeting, April 15, 2026 Special Public Delegation Board meeting, April 20, 2026 Special Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

The Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the minutes were

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

4.1. Superintendent's Highlights

The Superintendent shared a presentation that highlighted recent events and achievements for the District, and their alignment with the VSB Education Plan.

She presented the Superintendent's tribute and recognized the positive contributions and leadership from Darko Kulic, volunteer basketball coach from King George Secondary School.

She acknowledged the difficulties experienced by many students, families, staff and members of the Filipino Community impacted by last year's tragedy at the Lapu Lapu Festival. She thanked VSB staff for supporting students and the school community during this difficult period and encouraged families to reach out to their school principal if additional support was needed.

She then highlighted the following under the Superintendent's Highlights:

- Indigenous Focus Day, a district-wide professional development day, that took place on Monday, April 20, 2026.
- Alternative education highlights including the opening of Earth Spirit Healing Garden on April 17, 2026 and the Alternative Programs Art Show held from April 21 to 24, 2026.
- Sustainability at VSB noting that the VSB's Environmental Sustainability Plan had been updated in 2026, VSB's work with BC Parks on a number of projects, and other sustainability updates within the VSB.
- Career programs including the kick off of education week and celebration of the Early Childhood Educator dual credit program offered at Langara College with Minister of Education Lisa Beare.
- Connecting with families through an episode of VSB's After the Bell Podcast that featured information on summer learning opportunities; two facilitated focus groups with families featuring information on digital and media; and an upcoming information session in June with Media Smarts on the topic of Building Better Tech Habits.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

5.1.1 Report: Meeting of April 8, 2026

The Chairperson of the Committee, J. Fraser, presented the report of the April 8, 2026 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Summer Learning Fees
- Draft 2026-2027 Financial Plan

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by C. Richardson, that the report of the April 8, 2026 meeting be received.

Following discussion, the Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5.1.2 Matters Arising

5.1.2.1 Summer Learning Fees

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the Board approve the following 2026 Summer Learning fees:

- **Non-resident Student Summer Learning fee of \$1,090 for preview, review, and ELL courses,**
- **Non-resident Student Summer Learning fee of \$2,175 for grade 10-12 completion courses,**
- **Elementary fee-paying course fee of \$425.**

Trustee Fraser noted that the summer learning fees being considered in the motion applied to non-resident students and for summer learning courses that are not funded by the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

Trustees provided comments.

CARRIED

For: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, J. Fraser, S. Mah, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: J. Reddy

Abstained: P. Faridkot

5.1.2.2 2026-2027 Financial Plan and 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Financial Plan.

Trustee Fraser provided rationale for the motion. Trustees provided comments and shared their views regarding the 2026-2027 Financial Plan.

CARRIED

For: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by C. Richardson, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2026/2027 be given three readings at this meeting.

DEFEATED

For: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

The Chairperson informed the Board that since unanimous consent was not received to conduct all three readings of the Annual budget Bylaw 2026/2027 at the April 29, 2026 Board meeting, a separate meeting would be held on April 30, 2026 to consider the final reading of the bylaw.

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by C. Richardson, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2026/2027 be:

Read a first time the 29th day of April, 2026;

Read a second time the 29th day of April, 2026;

CARRIED

For: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

5.2. FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE

5.2.1 Report: Meeting of April 8, 2026

The Chairperson of the Committee, P. Faridkot, presented the report of the April 8, 2026 meeting, a copy of which is filed with these minutes. The report includes information on the following items:

- Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD39-01
- 2026-2027 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan
- Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary Easement Agreement
- New Elementary School at Olympic Village Update

Moved by J. Fraser, seconded by A. Chien, that the report of the April 8, 2026 meeting be received.

Following discussion, the Chairperson asked if there were any trustees not in support of the motion. There being none, the motion was

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2.2 Matters Arising

5.2.2.1 Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD39-01

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by S. Mah, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No.2026/27-CPSD39-01 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Capital Bylaw No.2026/27-CPSD39-01 be:

Read a first time this 29th day of April, 2026;

Read a second time this 29th day of April, 2026;

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 29th day of April, 2026.

Trustees provided comments then voted on the motion.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2.2.2 2026-27 Annual Facilities Grant Spending Plan

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by C. Richardson, that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Annual Facilities Grant Expenditure Plan for submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2.2.3 Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary School Parking Access Easement Bylaw 2026

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary School Parking Access Easement Bylaw 2026 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

Trustee Reddy requested that the motion be referred back to the Facilities Planning Committee.

Moved by J. Reddy, seconded by S. Mah, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary School Parking Access Easement Bylaw 2026 be referred back to the Facilities Planning Committee in order for staff to undertake a study of the traffic and safety impact on the Fleming school grounds of the proposed easement including a full consultation with the school community on:

- the use of the portion of the school lands currently being used as a surface parking lot;
- a full assessment of parking needs and whether both a parkade and a surface parking lot are required;
- the comparative commercial/market value of a parking access easement;
- safety concerns relating to the use of the property by students of the school;
- any other matters relating to the use of the property by students of the school; and
- any other matters relating to the proposed easement;
- all of which is necessary to fully inform the board of trustees before a vote is taken on the new bylaw.

Trustee Reddy provided rationale for the referral motion, and discussion ensued. Board members asked questions and staff responded. Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

DEFEATED

For: S. Mah, J. Reddy

Against: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Trustees returned to the main motion, that had been moved and seconded.

That the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary School Parking Access Easement Bylaw 2026 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

DEFEATED

For: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

Moved by P. Faridkot, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary School Parking Access Easement Bylaw 2026 be:

Read a first time the 29th day of April, 2026;

Read a second time the 29th day of April, 2026;

CARRIED

For: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

6. STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

The student trustee presented a report highlighting recent activities and upcoming key initiatives for the Vancouver District Students' Council (VDSC) for the 2025-2026 school year. He reported on recent VDSC activities, including updates from student representatives on school events such as carnivals, Indigenous Focus Day, dance tournaments, and Earth Day celebrations.

He informed the Board that the feedback received from the student budget survey noted the need for clearer information on the process for obtaining support services. He highlighted the VDSC's efforts in supporting student wellbeing through collaboration with staff to share mental health resources and the development of a "mindfulness minute" toolkit for classroom use. Additional updates included VDSC's senior executive team participation in the Lower Mainland Student Government Symposium, upcoming Senior Executive elections on May 26th, and preparations for the 9th Annual Arts Gala themed "What Comfort Looks Like for Students."

Trustees provided comments and asked questions, and the student trustee responded.

The Chairperson announced the online link for submitting questions to the meeting would now be closed.

7. REPORTS FROM TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairperson thanked Trustee Faridkot for submitting a liaison trustee report for the Women's Advisory Committee, noting that one of the items discussed at that meeting pertained to child care, a topic that was also very important for the VSB.

7.1 Report from Trustee Faridkot on the Women's Advisory Committee meeting held on February 10, 2026.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 John Henderson Annex Lease Bylaw 2026

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by P. Faridkot, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) John Henderson Annex Lease Bylaw 2026 be given three (3) readings at this meeting.

Trustee Faridkot provided rationale for the motion and discussion ensued. Following discussion, trustees voted on the motion.

DEFEATED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson,

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

Abstained: A. Chien, J. Zhang

The Board Chair informed trustees that unanimous consent was not received to conduct three readings of the bylaw at the April 29, 2026 Board meeting and that the Board would now proceed with two readings of the John Henderson Annex Lease Bylaw 2026.

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by L. Chan-Pedley, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) John Henderson Annex Lease Bylaw 2026 be:

Read a first time the 29th day of April, 2026;

Read a second time the 29th day of April, 2026;

CARRIED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, C. Richardson

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

Abstained: A. Chien, J. Zhang

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

The Chair noted that there were no notices of motion received for the meeting then called a recess at 8:26 pm. Trustees Chan-Pedley and Zhang left the meeting at 8:26 pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:41 pm.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

The Chairperson informed the board that three budget related questions were received during the public question period pertaining to the following:

- Budget development process in relation to early intervention and inclusive education supports.
- The reporting and management of legal fees related to ongoing court cases.
- The cost associated with specialized programs and the extent to which the District's Inclusive Education framework aligns with current best practices.

11. REPORT ON PRIVATE SESSION

11.1 Special Meeting of March 11, 2026

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the April 29, 2026 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of March 11, 2026, the Board discussed a legal matter.

11.2 Special Meeting of March 16, 2026

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the April 29, 2026 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of March 16, 2026, the Board discussed a personnel matter and completed the Performance Review and Growth Plan for the Superintendent in accordance with Board Policy 12.

11.3 Special Meeting of March 17, 2026

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the April 29, 2026 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of March 17, 2026, the Board discussed a legal matter.

11.4 Special Meeting of March 30, 2026

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the April 29, 2026 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of March 30, 2026, the Board discussed an appeal matter.

11.5 Special Meeting of April 1, 2026

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the April 29, 2026 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of April 1, 2026, the Board discussed an appeal matter.

11.6 Special Meeting of April 13, 2026

The Board authorized the Board Chair to report to the April 29, 2026 Public Meeting that, at the Special Private Session of April 13, 2026, the Board discussed personnel, property, legal matters and business interests.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:45 pm.

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer

Victoria Jung, Chairperson

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 12:33pm

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) met on Teams on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 12:33pm. The meeting was live streamed.

Trustees Present: Victoria Jung, Chairperson
Janet Fraser, Vice-Chairperson
Lois Chan-Pedley
Alfred Chien
Preeti Faridkot
Suzie Mah
Jennifer Reddy
Joshua Zhang

Trustees Absent: Christopher Richardson

Senior Team Members Present: Helen McGregor, Superintendent of Schools
Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer
Lorelei Russell, Executive Director of Finance

Also Present: Patricia MacNeil, Communications Director
Tara Hamer-Hayley, Rentals and Leases Supervisor
Judy Mah, Executive Coordinator (Recorder)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1. Land Acknowledgement

The Chairperson called the meeting to order. She acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) and səliwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

1.2. Opening Remarks

The Chairperson reviewed meeting decorum then welcomed trustees and staff. She introduced the board members who had joined the meeting online.

2. OLD BUSINESS

2.1 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw

The Chairperson noted that at the April 29, 2026 Public Board meeting, the 2026-2027 Annual Budget Bylaw was given two readings, and that the bylaw would be read a third and final time at the April 30, 2026 Special Public Board meeting.

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by P. Faridkot, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Annual Budget Bylaw 2026/2027 be read a third and final time, passed and adopted the 30th day of April, 2026.

CARRIED

For: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, J. Zhang
Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

2.2 Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary School Parking Access Easement Bylaw 2026

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by P. Faridkot, that the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) Sir Sandford Fleming Elementary School Parking Access Easement Bylaw 2026 be read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 30th day of April, 2026.

CARRIED

For: A. Chien, L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung, J. Zhang

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

2.3 John Henderson Annex Lease Bylaw 2026

Moved by V. Jung, seconded by P. Faridkot, that School District No. 39 (Vancouver) John Henderson Annex Lease Bylaw 2026 be read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 30th day of April, 2026.

CARRIED

For: L. Chan-Pedley, P. Faridkot, J. Fraser, V. Jung

Against: S. Mah, J. Reddy

Abstained: A. Chien, J. Zhang

Trustee Richardson tried to join the meeting at 12:38 pm but was unable to do so due to technical difficulties.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned by consensus at 12:39 pm.

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer

Victoria Jung, Chairperson

EDUCATION PLAN COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Committee Report to the Board, May 27, 2026

The Chairperson of the Committee called the meeting to order at 5.00 pm. He acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the x^wməθk^wəy̓əm (Musqueam), Siwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliiwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

This meeting was live-streamed, and both the audio and visual recordings were also available to the public for viewing after the meeting. Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

A presentation detailing the flow of the agenda was shown throughout the meeting, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

1. School Codes of Conduct - Personal Digital Devices

Associate Superintendent P. da Silva presented a report and presentation titled ***School Codes of Conduct - Personal Digital Devices***, copies of which are on file with the meeting agenda. The presentation included an update on VSB’s implementation of personal digital device restrictions as guided by the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s Personal Digital Device (Cell Phone) Restrictions in Schools Policy. This policy directed School Districts to ensure that their codes of conduct include one or more statements about restricting the use of personal digital devices in schools. The presentation provided background on the implementation timeline, engagement findings, key areas of focus, and ongoing priorities, and included discussion on the motion that was referred to the Education Plan Committee by the Board at the February 25, 2026 Board meeting to further update the School Codes of Conduct pertaining to device restrictions. Three options for recommendations were presented for committee trustees to consider during discussion of the referral motion.

Committee members participated in small group facilitated discussions to provide input on the topic, including clarification of the motion, implementation considerations and perspectives. Each group then summarized the key points from their discussion.

The small group discussion is summarized below:

Clarification of the Motion – Understanding Intent, Scope and Key Details

The discussion clarified the current restrictions regarding personal digital devices and explained how these restrictions would change should the proposed motion be approved. Committee members reviewed current restrictions that elementary students must keep devices out of sight and on silent throughout the school day, while secondary students face similar restrictions during instructional time but are permitted to use devices during breaks and lunch. The proposed motion would extend restrictions to prohibit secondary students from using cellphones during these non-instructional periods.

Implementation Considerations – Feasibility, Approach and Challenges

Participants emphasized that any changes should be practical, well-communicated, and responsive to student needs. Concerns were raised about enforcing new restrictions, especially during breaks and lunch, and the potential for increased staffing, supervision, and logistical demands. The discussion underscored the importance of balancing stricter rules with student safety, equity, and well-being, recognizing that some students require device access for family communication or health reasons. The groups also noted that further clarity was needed around exceptions and the meaning of explicit educator permission.

Perspectives on the Motion – Insights, Feedback and Viewpoints

Group feedback reflected a clear preference for a measured, education-based approach centred on digital literacy, with an emphasis on setting clear expectations, ensuring consistent implementation, and engaging families throughout the process. Participants supported prioritizing clarity and education before introducing

additional restrictions and highlighted the importance of including student voice in both the rollout and long-term success of any policy changes.

The Chairperson called a recess at 5:49 pm. The meeting resumed at 5:55 pm.

The Chairperson asked committee members if they would like to recommend one of the three recommendations outlined in the report and displayed on the screen. Based on the feedback received from the discussion, he then suggested that option 3 be considered first by trustee who are committee members.

THAT the Education Plan Committee recommend that the Board not proceed with consideration of the motion, as current policy and practice are assessed to be sufficient to address student use of personal digital devices, and further Board direction is not necessary at this time.

In response to a procedural question from a trustee, the Chairperson agreed to open the floor to any other questions that had not already been addressed regarding the three recommendation options. He also addressed a request from Board Chair Jung to allow a stakeholder representative to ask additional questions concerning the current policy.

Committee members, trustees, and stakeholder representatives provided comments and asked questions, and the Associate Superintendent and Board Chair provided clarification on various points.

Following discussion, the Chairperson returned to the recommendations in the report, then asked if committee members were in favour of forwarding recommendation option 3 to the Board. The trustees asked for clarification about both the recommendation options and the voting process. The Chairperson explained that they would first consider option 3 before considering other options in the report. Trustees Richardson and Mah indicated that they were not in support of option 3.

The Chairperson invited committee members to engage in discussion regarding recommendation option 2.

There was unanimous support from committee members to forward the following recommendation to the Board for consideration:

THAT the Education Plan Committee recommend that the Board defer consideration of the motion at this time and request that additional refinements be made to clarify key elements of the proposed direction, in order to support informed Board decision making.

2. Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) – Updates on Human and Social Development

Associate Superintendent M. McRae-Stanger along with Directors of Instruction, A. Van Vliet, C. Wong, R. Lopez and District Principals B. Morishita and G. Sohal presented a report titled ***Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) – Updates on Human and Social Development***.

The presentation at the Education Plan Committee meeting featured examples of the important work of the Equity and Anti-oppression and the Mental Health and Social Emotional Learning teams to support Human and Social Development for students across the VSB.

Committee members, trustees, and stakeholder representatives provided comments, and the District Principals and Directors of Instruction answered questions and provided clarification on various points from the presentation and report.

The meeting adjourned at 6.49 pm.

Alfred Chien, Chairperson

Committee Members Present:

Alfred Chien (Chair)
Christopher Richardson (Vice-Chair)
Lois Chan-Pedley
Suzie Mah

Other Trustees Present:

Victoria Jung (Alt.)

Senior Team Members Present:

Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent
Maureen McRae-Stanger, Associate Superintendent
Janis Myers, Associate Superintendent
Alison Ogden, Associate Superintendent

Association Representatives Present:

Suzette Magri, CUPE 15
Elizabeth Klaiber Noble, DPAC
Angie Haveman, VASSA
Bruce Garnett, VASSA
Theo Huberman, VDSC
Francoise Raunet, VEAES
Riley McMitchell, VEPVPA

Also Present:

Rick Lopez, Director of Instruction
Amy Van Vliet, Director of Instruction
Christopher Wong, Director of Instruction
Brandon Morishita, District Principal
Gurpaul Sohal, District Principal
Rochita Gondhalekar (Recorder)

May 27, 2026

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Education Plan Committee

RE: School Codes of Conduct - Personal Digital Devices

[Reference to Education Plan](#)

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Goal 1: The Vancouver School Board will improve student achievement, physical and mental well-being, and belonging by...

- Encouraging students to reach beyond previous boundaries in knowledge and experience.
- Improving school environments to ensure they are safe, caring, welcoming and inclusive places for students and families.

INTRODUCTION

The Education Plan Committee met on May 6, 2026 to review the following motion referred from the February 25, 2026 Public Board meeting:

“That the Board direct the Superintendent to update VSB School Codes of Conduct to restrict student use of personal digital devices and to develop associated implementation guidelines in collaboration with school leaders, with the updated Codes of Conduct and guidelines to be in place by September 1, 2026;

And further;

That the updated Codes of Conduct require students in kindergarten through grade twelve to keep digital devices on silent and out of sight for the entire school day unless explicit permission is granted by an educator.”

The Committee engaged in small group discussions and considered three possible recommendations at the meeting. Following discussion, the Education Plan Committee recommended that the Board defer consideration of the motion at this time and request that additional refinements be made to clarify key elements of the proposed direction, in order to support informed Board decision making.

BACKGROUND

In Spring 2024, the Ministry of Education and Child Care introduced a mandatory provincial policy requiring all school districts in British Columbia to explicitly restrict student use of personal digital devices in schools. The policy was intended to reduce classroom distractions, support focused learning environments, foster online safety, and promote consistency across districts.

In response, the Vancouver School District updated School Codes of Conduct in elementary and secondary schools to include restrictions on Personal Digital Device use and adopted corresponding district level Code of Conduct provisions effective July 1, 2024. Professional learning opportunities were provided to educators prior to and throughout the initial year of implementation, and the restrictions were implemented in schools beginning in September 2024.

Since implementation, the District has undertaken ongoing engagement activities to assess the impact of the restrictions and to support continuous improvement. These activities have included district wide surveys, staff and student focus groups, a student forum, and engagement with families. Feedback gathered during the first year of implementation informed refinements in the second year, including strengthened communication strategies, expanded professional learning supports, and increased emphasis on digital literacy, online safety, student well being, and equity.

SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK RECEIVED

A presentation was provided to the Education Plan Committee outlining the policy background, implementation timeline, engagement findings, and key areas of ongoing focus. Committee members participated in small group discussions to provide input on the topic, including clarification of the motion, implementation considerations, and perspectives on the motion.

Feedback from the group discussions showed broad agreement on the importance of addressing student cellphone use and minimizing distractions during the school day. The discussions also clarified the current restrictions already in place: elementary students are expected to keep personal digital devices out of sight and on silent throughout the school day, while secondary students are expected to do so during instructional time unless directed by a teacher to use them for educational purposes, with use currently permitted during breaks and lunch.

As participants considered the proposed change to the current restrictions—meaning secondary students would not be permitted to use cellphones during breaks and lunch—they identified a range of concerns that would need to be addressed. They emphasized that any changes should be practical, clearly communicated, and responsive to student needs. Key concerns focused on implementation and enforcement, particularly during breaks and lunch, as well as the staffing, supervision, and logistical demands associated with stricter restrictions.

The feedback also highlighted the need to balance any additional restrictions with student safety, equity, and well-being. Participants noted that some students may need access to personal digital devices during the school day for family communication, health, or other individual circumstances, and that further clarity may be needed around exceptions, including what constitutes explicit permission from an educator.

There was strong consensus that education on the appropriate use of digital devices should remain central to any approach, supported by clear expectations, consistent implementation, and ongoing engagement with families.

Overall, the feedback supported a measured approach that prioritizes clarity, education, and consistent implementation of existing expectations before considering additional restrictions. Student voice was identified as an important factor in effective rollout and long-term success.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board defer consideration of the motion at this time and request that additional refinements be made to clarify key elements of the proposed direction, in order to support informed Board decision-making.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Committee Report to the Board, May 27, 2026

The Chairperson of the Committee called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. She acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəṅəm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

This meeting was live-streamed, and both the audio and visual recordings were also available to the public for viewing after the meeting. Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

A presentation detailing the flow of the agenda was shown throughout the meeting, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

1. School Fee Schedules for 2026-2027

The Director of Instruction presented a report dated May 13, 2026, titled **School Fee Schedules for 2026-2027**, a copy of which was on file with the meeting agenda. The report provides the fee schedule for each elementary and secondary school in the Vancouver School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

He reviewed the legislative framework for school fees and explained the structure of the fee schedules for elementary and secondary schools. He highlighted the District's financial hardship provisions under Administrative Procedure 506.

Committee members considered the recommendation in the report. There was unanimous consent from committee members to forward the following recommendation to the Board for consideration:

THAT the Board approve the school fee schedules for the 2026-2027 school year.

2. 2025-2026 Third Quarter Financial Update

The Executive Director of Finance presented a report dated May 13, 2026, titled **2025-2026 Third Quarter Financial Update**, which provides the financial results for the nine months ended March 31, 2026, compared to the amended budget.

The Executive Director of Finance reviewed the year-to-date financial results, providing a breakdown of operating fund revenues and expenses and highlighted risks to revenue and expense in the fourth quarter.

Trustees and stakeholder representatives asked questions and provided feedback and staff provided clarification on various points.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Janet Fraser, Chairperson

Committee Members Present:

Janet Fraser (Chair)
Alfred Chien (Vice-Chair)
Victoria Jung (Board Chair, ex-officio)

Committee Members Absent:

Preeti Faridkot
Joshua Zhang

Other Trustees Present:

Suzie Mah
Christopher Richardson

Senior Team Members Present:

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer
Helen McGregor, Superintendent
Pedro da Silva, Associate Superintendent
Maureen McRae-Stanger, Associate Superintendent
Janis Myers, Associate Superintendent
Michel Gray, Executive Director, Employee Services
Lorelei Russell, Executive Director, Finance

Association Representatives Present:

Suzette Magri, CUPE 15
Celena Benndorf, DPAC (joined the meeting at 5:11pm)
Tyson Shmyr, PASA
Benita Kwon, VASSA
Floyd Tuting, VDSC
Greg Canning, VEAES
Stephen Leung, VEPVPA

Also Present:

Aaron Davis, Director of Instruction
Cornelia Haack (recorder)

May 27, 2026

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Finance and Personnel Committee

RE: School Fee Schedules for 2026-2027

*Reference to
Education Plan*

GOAL: Goal 2: The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by...

OBJECTIVE: Improving stewardship of the District’s resources by focusing on effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

INTRODUCTION

The School Fee Schedules for 2026-2027 are presented to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the Finance and Personnel Committee. The committee met on May 13, 2026 to review the fee schedules for VSB elementary and secondary schools.

BACKGROUND

Under Section 82 of the *School Act*, “a board must publish a schedule of the fees to be charged, and deposits required and must make the schedule available to students and to children under section 13 and to the parents of those students and children before the beginning of the school year.”

This report provides the fee schedule for each elementary and secondary school in the Vancouver School District for the 2026-2027 school year.

The following are attached:

- [Elementary School Fees](#)
- [Secondary School Fees](#)

All elementary and secondary school fee schedules align with the standardized school fee schedules and comply with legislation and Administrative Procedure 505. There are no registration fees associated with enrolling in district choice programs in elementary schools.

All fee schedules contain the Vancouver School District’s Financial Hardship clause.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve the school fee schedules for the 2026-2027 school year.

POLICY AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Committee Report to the Board, May 27, 2026

The Chairperson of the Committee called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. She acknowledged with deep gratitude and respect, we are honoured to be learning and unlearning on the ancestral and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) & səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

This meeting was live-streamed, and both the audio and visual recordings were also available to the public for viewing after the meeting. Footage from this meeting may be viewed from Canada or anywhere else in the world.

A presentation detailing the flow of the agenda was shown throughout the meeting, a copy of which is on file with the meeting agenda.

1. Evaluation of the School Liaison Officer Program

Associate Superintendent P. da Silva presented a report titled ***Evaluation of the School Liaison Officer (SLO) Program*** and introduced external presenter, H. Wagnleithner from Qatalyst Research Group, who had joined the meeting on Teams.

He provided a brief overview of the SLO Program, noting that Qatalyst Research Group had been engaged as an independent third party to conduct a review of the renewed program, which was reintroduced in schools in September 2023 in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding between the Vancouver School Board (VSB) and the Vancouver Police Department (VPD). He then asked Mr. Wagnleithner, to present the findings of the ***Evaluation of the School Liaison Officer (SLO) Program Final Report, April 2026***, a copy of which was on file with the meeting agenda.

Mr. Wagnleithner provided highlights of the report including an overview of the School Liaison Officer (SLO) Program evaluation, the purpose of the evaluation, methodology, and limitations. He outlined key findings related to program implementation and engagement, noting that planned changes to training, officer presentation, and engagement approaches have been implemented and generally well received. The presenter summarized findings on interactions and perceptions and key takeaways, including overall support for the program among staff and students, and the program's emphasis on prevention, relationship-building, and limited reliance on enforcement measures.

Trustees and stakeholder representatives asked questions and provided feedback. Mr. Wagnleithner answered questions regarding his report and presentation, and staff provided clarification on various points.

Mr. Wagnleithner left the meeting at 7:42 pm.

2. Receipt of Advocacy Subcommittee Report

Trustee Richardson, Chair of the Advocacy Subcommittee, presented the May 6, 2026 Advocacy Subcommittee report, a copy of which was on file with the meeting agenda. He informed the committee that the focus of the May 6, 2026 meeting was to identify advocacy priorities for the Provincial Budget 2027 Consultation, then noted that key priorities remain consistent with prior years, including equitable and sufficient funding for education, recruitment and retention, and facilities and infrastructure. He then advised that the detailed advocacy points outlined in the report will inform the Board's submission with respect to the Provincial Budget 2027.

The report of the May 6, 2026 Advocacy Subcommittee meeting was received by consensus.

3. Draft Policy Review - Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy

The Secretary Treasurer presented a report dated May 13, 2026 titled ***Draft Policy Review - Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy***. The report summarizes the feedback received at the February 11, 2026 Policy and Governance Committee meeting and includes an updated draft policy reflecting this feedback and further refined by the Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy Ad Hoc Committee.

She reviewed the feedback collected, noting that the revised draft policy reflects the Committee's direction to base trustee remuneration on a comparative analysis of similarly sized school districts, using average compensation as a benchmark. She addressed the input received regarding the need for clearer differentiation in remuneration for leadership roles, with the draft proposing additional compensation for the Board Chair and Vice Chair to better reflect increased responsibilities, and guidance on the types of expenses trustees should be reimbursed for. She noted that feedback strongly supported the principle that the Board should not determine its own compensation, and that remuneration decisions be made for a future term to avoid conflicts of interest.

The Secretary Treasurer invited participants to engage in small group discussions using guiding questions focused on the clarity, comprehensiveness, and ease of implementation of the draft policy, the suitability of the proposed remuneration approach, and the alignment of expense provisions with best practices. She informed participants that all input received would be compiled and shared with the Ad Hoc Committee and would inform refinements to the Draft Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy before it is presented to the Board for approval consideration at the May 27, 2026 Board meeting.

Prior to commencing small group discussions, the Board Chair acknowledged the significant work of the Committee over the past four years, noting the comprehensive review of over 20 policies and the resulting improvements made to strengthen and sustain Board policy.

The live broadcast ended as Committee members, trustees and stakeholder representatives engaged in small group discussion to gather input on the Draft Trustee Remuneration and Expense Policy.

The small group discussion is summarized below.

- Draft Policy Feedback
Overall, participants noted that the draft policy captures feedback from previous discussions and is clear and comprehensible. Committee members highlighted areas for refinement including the order of sections, clarification on potential duplication across policies and provisions referenced in multiple sections. Further suggestions included further specificity regarding timing of expense claim submissions and expense reimbursement procedures.
- Trustee Remuneration Structure
The approach included in the draft policy to benchmark against comparable, large districts and average base trustee compensation was broadly supported. There was mixed feedback on the proposed 20% (Vice-Chair) and 40% (Chair) differentials with some participants suggesting lower alternatives.

Other discussion points included the use of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for adjustments.
- Trustee Expenses
Feedback focused on additional clarity on resources available for trustees including technology and equipment, child care and clearer guidance on eligible and ineligible trustee expenses providing specific examples. Participants also suggested further clarity in professional development provisions.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Lois-Chan Pedley, Chairperson

Committee Members Present:

Lois Chan-Pedley (Chair)

Suzie Mah (Vice-Chair)

Janet Fraser

Christopher Richardson

Other Trustees Present:

Victoria Jung

Senior Team Members Present:

Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer

Helen McGregor, Superintendent

Pedro Da Silva, Associate Superintendent

Maureen McRae-Stanger, Associate Superintendent

Janis Myers, Associate Superintendent

Association Representatives Present:

Suzette Magri, CUPE 15

Ishi Dinim, DPAC

Hayden O'Connor, PASA

Denise Clark, VASSA

Floyd Tuting, VDSC

Marjorie Dumont, VEAES (joined the meeting at 7:09 pm)

Trevor Wrinch, VEPVPA

Also Present:

Herman Wagnleithner, Qatalyst Research Group

Patricia MacNeil

Annette Vey-Chilton

Cornelia Haack (recorder)

May 27, 2026

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Policy and Governance Committee

RE: Policy 6 – Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

[Reference to
Education Plan](#)

GOAL: Goal 2: The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by...

OBJECTIVE:

- Improving stewardship of the district’s resources by focusing on effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

INTRODUCTION

Policy 6 – Trustee Remuneration and Expenses is presented to the Board for approval at the recommendation of the Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy Ad Hoc committee.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Section 71 of the *School Act*, a board of education may authorize annual remuneration for the Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and other trustees. At present, the VSB’s trustee remuneration and expenses guidelines are set out in Appendix B of [Policy 7 - Board Operations](#), rather than existing as a stand-alone policy. While this approach establishes authority for remuneration, it does not include a defined framework for determining appropriate remuneration levels over time beyond annual indexing.

Establishing a clear and transparent policy framework specific to trustee remuneration and expenses is an important governance practice.

At the October 29, 2025, Public Board meeting, the Board approved a motion directing an Ad hoc Committee, work with the Secretary Treasurer, to develop a draft Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy for review by the Policy and Governance Committee and subsequent consideration by the Board.

At the February 11, 2026, Policy and Governance Committee meeting, participants discussed potential options for structuring a mechanism to determine trustee remuneration levels within a new stand-alone policy. The feedback collected was used to create a draft Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy. This draft was refined by the Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy Ad Hoc Committee before it was presented to the Policy and Governance Committee for consideration and discussion.

At the May 13, 2026, Policy and Governance Committee meeting, participants reviewed the Draft Policy 6 – Trustee Remuneration and Expenses and provided feedback on what adjustments, if any, should be considered before the policy is finalized and presented to the Board for approval.

The attached Policy 6: Trustee Remuneration and Expenses was updated to reflect the feedback collected at the May 13, 2026 meeting and refined by the Trustee Remuneration and Expenses Policy Ad Hoc Committee.

POLICY IMPACT

The adoption of Policy 6: Trustee Remuneration and Expenses will create a mechanism for determining trustee remuneration through a benchmarking process. The remuneration determined through this process must be approved by Board motion, apply only to the subsequent Board term; and do not take effect during the term in which the review is conducted.

The following table provides a review of trustee remuneration based on current trustee remuneration in comparable large urban school districts in British Columbia.

Board of Education	Student Enrolment	Chair	Vice-Chair	Trustee
Abbotsford	20,668	\$ 45,094	\$ 39,891	\$ 34,688
Burnaby	28,468	\$ 36,602	\$ 35,403	\$ 34,202
Coquitlam	34,053	\$ 76,714	\$ 73,227	\$ 69,740
Langley	26,552	\$ 36,868	\$ 35,662	\$ 34,449
Richmond	23,422	\$ 36,536	\$ 34,737	\$ 33,064
Surrey	81,047	\$ 55,212	\$ 51,611	\$ 48,010
Vancouver	52,260	\$ 40,315	\$ 39,448	\$ 37,215
AVERAGE		\$ 46,763	\$ 44,283	\$ 41,624
DRAFT Policy		\$ 54,100	\$ 47,800	\$ 41,600

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approve Policy 6 - Trustee Remuneration and Expenses and further that the Board rescind trustee remuneration and expenses guidelines set out in Appendix B of Policy 7 - Board Operations.

Attachment:

- A. DRAFT Policy 6 - Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

Policy 6

TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

Purpose

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) recognizes the significant responsibilities undertaken by Trustees in fulfilling their statutory, fiduciary, and governance duties. This policy establishes clear, transparent, and consistent provisions respecting trustee remuneration and expense reimbursement in accordance with the *School Act* and good governance practices.

Authority

This policy is established pursuant to section 71 of the *School Act*, which authorizes a board of education to approve annual remuneration for trustees, including differentiated remuneration for the Chair and Vice-Chair; and reasonable allowances for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of trustees' duties.

Guiding Principles

Trustee remuneration and expenses shall:

- support effective governance and public accountability;
- be transparent, reasonable, and fiscally responsible;
- recognize the differing levels of responsibility and complexity associated with trustee roles; and
- be benchmarked against comparable large urban school districts in British Columbia.

Decisions regarding remuneration reflect the principle that the Board determines remuneration for future Board terms, such that Trustees do not establish or adjust compensation for their own benefit during the term in which they serve.

1. Trustee Remuneration

1.1 Annual Remuneration

The Board may authorize annual remuneration for trustees, including the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Effective September 1 of each year, trustee remuneration shall be adjusted based on the annual percentage change in the Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI), rounded to the nearest hundred, unless otherwise determined by the Board in accordance with this policy.

Trustees are paid on a bi-weekly basis in accordance with District compensation practices.

1.2 Differentiation of Chair and Vice-Chair Remuneration

In establishing and reviewing remuneration differentials, the Board shall recognize the additional duties, workload, leadership responsibilities, and complexity associated with the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair, as outlined in Policy 5 - Role Of The Board Chairperson and Board Vice Chairperson.

2. Review of Trustee Remuneration

2.1 Timing of Review

During the last year of each Board term, the Board shall conduct a formal review of trustee remuneration.

2.2 Benchmarking and Determination of Remuneration

As part of the review, trustee remuneration shall be benchmarked against comparable large urban school districts in British Columbia.

For the purposes of establishing remuneration:

- The base trustee remuneration shall be determined as the average of trustee remuneration in the selected comparator school districts, rounded to the nearest hundred;
- The comparator group shall be approved by the Board and documented as part of the review process; and
- Benchmarking analysis and methodology shall be documented and made available to the Board.

In recognition of the additional responsibilities, leadership obligations, and complexity of the roles:

- The Chair's remuneration shall be set at 30% higher than the base trustee remuneration, rounded to the nearest hundred; and
- The Vice-Chair's remuneration shall be set at 15% higher than the base trustee remuneration, rounded to the nearest hundred.

2.3 Decision and Implementation Timing

Any changes to trustee remuneration resulting from the review shall:

- be approved by Board motion;
- apply only to the subsequent Board term; and
- not take effect during the term in which the review is conducted.

3. Trustee Expenses

3.1 General Principles

The Board may authorize reimbursement of reasonable expenses necessarily incurred by trustees in the performance of their duties. Reimbursement shall be supported by appropriate documentation and administered in accordance with procedures issued by the Office of the Secretary Treasurer.

3.2 Budget Approval and Administration

The Board shall approve an annual trustee expense budget as part of the district's annual budgeting process. Individual expense claims are administered by the Secretary Treasurer in accordance with established policies and procedures and are not approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

3.3 Technology and Equipment

Trustees shall be provided with appropriate technology and equipment to support their work, including secure access to Board materials, communications systems, and information platforms.

3.4 Professional Development

Professional development expenses shall be reimbursed only where the education or training is directly aligned with the trustee’s governance role and responsibilities.

Eligible professional development includes, but is not limited to:

- British Columbia School Trustees Association (BCSTA) conferences, annual general meeting, provincial council and learning opportunities;
- British Columbia Public Schools Employers’ Association (BCPSEA) conferences, annual general meeting, provincial council and learning opportunities for trustee representatives;
- Canadian School Boards Association (CSBA) conferences and learning opportunities.

Attendance, other than at BCSTA, BCPSEA and CSBA events, must be pre-approved by the Board Chairperson for all trustees and by the Board Vice Chairperson for the Board Chairperson. All professional development and learning opportunities must be arranged through the Office of the Secretary Treasurer.

Reimbursable expenses include:

- accommodation, economy airfare and other travel costs, verified by original receipts;
- a per-diem allowance, at a rate set by the District, to cover meals and incidental expenses while traveling on Board business; and
- registration fees and related costs for approved trustee-relevant professional development.

Professional development expenses not eligible for reimbursement:

- accommodation expenses incurred in Metro Vancouver;
- Expenses related to international conferences, study tours, or events not directly related to trustee governance responsibilities;
- expenses for programs leading to academic credentials (including degrees or diplomas) or for general educational or professional learning not specifically related to trustee governance functions.

3.5 Child Care

Trustees may occasionally need to pay for childminding services so they can attend Board meetings, VSB committees, or other committees to which they have been appointed by the Board under Policy 9 – Board Representatives.

Child care expenses can only be claimed for individuals who meet the CRA definition of an eligible child. The claim for child care expenses must include receipt from the child care provider, date of the meeting, number of hours of child minding claimed, rate per hour.

Reimbursement is limited to the duration of the meeting attended plus reasonable travel time.

Reimbursement is not available for childminders residing in the same household as the child. Reimbursement is based on the minimum wage in British Columbia, regardless of what is paid to the childminder. Child care expenses reimbursed will be reported to the CRA as a taxable benefit.

To receive reimbursement for costs incurred, trustees must submit child care expense claims to the Secretary Treasurer's Office on a monthly basis.

3.6 Ineligible Expenses

Trustees are not eligible for reimbursement of:

- vehicle mileage or personal transportation expenses;
- expenses not directly connected to Board-authorized duties;
- insurance expenses.

Legal Reference: Section 71 *School Act*

Related Policies: Policy 5 - Role Of The Board Chairperson and Board Vice Chairperson
 Policy 9 – Board Representatives
 Policy 16 – Indemnification Bylaw

ADOPTED: **XX**

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APPENDIX A

This appendix provides supporting reference information for the implementation of Policy 6 – Trustee Remuneration and Expenses. It is intended to enhance transparency and consistency in the application of the policy by documenting the comparator group of large urban school districts in British Columbia used for remuneration benchmarking; current trustee remuneration levels and professional development allocations; and applicable reimbursement rates and guidelines for travel and authorized expenses.

The information contained in this appendix is administrative in nature and may be updated from time to time to reflect Board-approved rates or other operational adjustments, without requiring amendment to the policy itself.

Comparable Large Urban School Districts in British Columbia

Board of Education	Student Enrolment 2025-2026
Abbotsford	20,668
Burnaby	28,468
Coquitlam	34,053
Langley	26,552
Richmond	23,422
Surrey	81,047
Vancouver	52,260

Trustee Remuneration

As of September 1, 2025, annual trustee remuneration is:

- **Chair:** \$40,315
- **Vice-Chair:** \$39,448
- **Trustees:** \$37,215
- **Student Trustee:** \$3,265

As of September 1, 2025, the annual trustee professional development allocation is \$3,000.

Travel Reimbursement Rates

The maximum per diem rates for meals without receipts are:

- \$20 Breakfast
- \$25 Lunch
- \$40 Dinner

On the date of departure, travel status must start before 7:00 a.m. to claim breakfast; before 12:00 noon to claim lunch; and, on the date of return, travel status must end after 6:00 p.m. to claim dinner.

The maximum per diem rate for incidental expenses when a receipt is unavailable is up to \$10.00 per day.

Childminding Reimbursement Rates

- Childminding by individuals under 18: current minimum wage.
- Childminding by individuals over 18: 130% of minimum wage.
- Childminding for children with disabilities or diverse abilities by a licensed Early Childhood Educator (ECE): 160% of minimum wage (ECE license number must be included on the receipt).

May 27, 2026

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Policy and Governance Committee

RE: Policy 18 – Student Trustee

*Reference to
Education Plan*

- GOAL:** Goal 2: The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by...
- OBJECTIVE:**
- Improving stewardship of the district’s resources by focusing on effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

INTRODUCTION

One of the responsibilities of the Policy and Governance Committee is to ensure Board Policies are reviewed at least once in a four-year term and that compliance with legislation, regulations and legislative mandate is maintained.

The Policy and Governance committee met in November 2025 and reviewed [Policy 18 – Student Trustee](#). This report contains a summary of the feedback collected and how it was incorporated in the revised policy.

This report includes a recommendation.

REVISED POLICY 18 – STUDENT TRUSTEE

The feedback from the Policy and Governance committee highlighted the need to update outdated sections, clarify language for inclusivity, and ensure the election and participation processes align with current practices. The revised Policy 18 – Student Trustee reflects the feedback from the committee.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Board approve Policy 18 – Student Trustee.

Attachment:

- A. Policy 18 – Student Trustee

Policy 18

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Policy Statement

The position of Student Trustee has been established by the Vancouver Board of Education (VBE) to encourage open communication between the student body and the Board, increasing student engagement in School District governance, and increase student participation in planning, policy and program development.

1. Role Description And Expectations

The Student Trustee:

- 1.1. Is not a member of the Board, is not entitled to vote on any matter before the Board or any of its committees and does not have the statutory powers or duties of a School Trustee under the *School Act*.
- 1.2. Will attend all regular public meetings of the Board but is not entitled to be present at any private meetings.
- 1.3. May attend Board standing committee meetings, except private standing committee meetings.
- 1.4. Will participate with other trustees in discussions and provide a student perspective on matters before the Board.
- 1.5. Will comply with the *Student Trustee Conflict of Interest Guidelines* in Appendix 1.
- 1.6. Is not entitled to move a motion but may submit a suggested motion on any matter to the Secretary Treasurer's Office no later than four (4) weeks prior to the scheduled Board meeting.
- 1.7. Shall have access to all information and resources provided to Board members (e.g. reports, training sessions, etc.) with the exception of information related to matters which are being considered at a private meeting or from which persons other than trustees are excluded.
- 1.8. Will present a Student Trustee report at the monthly regular board meeting.
- 1.9. Will report regularly to the students of the VBE, through the Vancouver District Students' Council (VDSC), the activities of the Board pertaining to public meetings of the Board and its committees.
- 1.10. Is encouraged to visit and meet with secondary school students in schools within the Vancouver School District.

2. Eligibility And Qualifications

- 2.1. To qualify to be nominated and hold the position of Student Trustee, the person must meet the following qualifications:
 - 2.1.1. Be a student in regular attendance at a VBE secondary school.
 - 2.1.2. Be 16 years of age or older by December 31 of the school year in which the student trustee holds office.

- 2.1.3. Have parental or guardian consent (if under 19 years of age).
- 2.1.4. Be a member of the Vancouver District Students' Council (VDSC).
- 2.1.5. Make a prescribed oath of office, by oath or solemn affirmation, at the first meeting of their term in office.

3. Election Of A Student Trustee

In order to elect a Student Trustee, the VDSC must follow the process outlined below.

- 3.1. The election for Student Trustee shall be conducted by the VDSC in May/June for the following school year.
- 3.2. Each member of the VDSC is eligible to be nominated as a candidate for the position of Student Trustee, subject to section 2 of this Policy.
- 3.3. Candidates interested in election as a Student Trustee will provide members of the VDSC with a personal resume and/or a letter of intent at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting of the VDSC to elect the Student Trustee.
- 3.4. At the VDSC meeting to elect the Student Trustee, candidates will be provided the opportunity to make a five minute presentation to the members of the VDSC.
- 3.5. Where there is more than one candidate, the VDSC will elect, by secret ballot, the Student Trustee representative from among the candidates. Balloting will continue, dropping off the candidate with the fewest votes, until one candidate achieves a simple majority.
- 3.6. VDSC will notify the VBE Secretary Treasurer of the person elected as Student Trustee.
- 3.7. In the event that the Student Trustee leaves office before the completion of their term, the VDSC will conduct an election for a new Student Trustee for the balance of the term.

4. Term Of Office

- 4.1. The term of office for the Student Trustee will be one school year beginning September 1 of the year in which the Student Trustee is elected and ending June 30 of the following year.
- 4.2. A Student Trustee may be re-elected by the VDSC and may serve a maximum of two years. The Student Trustee is expected to serve only during the school year.

5. Disqualification Of A Student Trustee

- 5.1. A Student Trustee will be disqualified from service if they:
 - 5.1.1. Cease to be a student in a School District No. 39 (Vancouver) school.
 - 5.1.2. Are absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Board without permission from the Board.
 - 5.1.3. Are convicted of an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada or under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.
- 5.2. A student trustee may be disqualified from service if they:

5.2.1. Breach the confidentiality of the Board.

5.2.2. Are suspended from school for a serious violation of the Code of Conduct or other Board policies or school rules.

6. Honorarium And Support For The Student Trustee

- 6.1. The Student Trustee will receive an honorarium as determined by the Board from year to year. This honorarium will be pro-rated if a Student Trustee does not serve for the full term.
- 6.2. The Student Trustee will be reimbursed for any appropriate receipted expenses incurred as a function of the role, including transportation costs in accordance with Board policies. Further, the Student Trustee will be supported in attending conference opportunities that relate to the role, with a budget for conference expenses to be approved by the Board.
- 6.3. The Student Trustee will be supported in attending one District conference opportunity per school year that relates to the role, if they so choose to attend, with a reasonable budget that aligns with Board conference expense guidelines.

7. Responsibilities Of The Board Chairperson And Superintendent Of Schools

- 7.1. The Board Chairperson shall appoint one elected trustee to act as a mentor for the Student Trustee.
- 7.2. The Superintendent of Schools or designate shall meet with the Student Trustee and their parent/guardian at the beginning of the school year to discuss their responsibilities and participation.
- 7.3. The Superintendent of Schools or designate shall meet with the VDSC at the beginning of the school year to orient them to the role and expectations of Student Trustee to the Board and to encourage VDSC student representatives to support the Student Trustee.
- 7.4. The Board Chairperson shall acknowledge the service of the Student Trustee to the Board at the last Board meeting of the Student Trustee’s term.
- 7.5. The Board Chairperson and the Superintendent of Schools shall organize an annual liaison meeting between the Board and VDSC.
- 7.6. The Superintendent or designate shall provide orientation to the Student Trustee and support the Student Trustee in fulfilling their duties.

Legal Reference: Section School Act

Adopted: September 24, 2018

Amended: September 1, 2022
 May 27, 2026 DRAFT

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Date of Meeting: May 27, 2026

Student Trustee: Freddie Zhang

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, something that has really stood out to me is how much student leadership across the District continues to grow, both in size and purpose. Over the past month, I have had the chance to see students create spaces for connection, creativity, advocacy, learning, fun, and care.

One example of this was VDSC's district-wide 2016 throwback spirit day. What started as a fun idea quickly became something bigger, with schools across the District participating, leaning into nostalgia and also sharing at the same time. School student councils have also been leading initiatives that reflect issues students care about and create positive change. Schools have held mental health-focused art showcases, indoor track meets, Asian Heritage Month celebrations, and Red Dress Day commemorations honouring missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. These projects happening across different schools show the importance of student leaders learning from one another and sharing ideas across the District.

This month also included an opportunity that was personally meaningful to me. On May 7th, I attended the City of Vancouver's proclamation of Child and Youth Mental Health Day alongside elected officials and representatives from organizations including Vancouver Coastal Health, FamilySmart, the First Nations Health Authority, and Crisis Centre BC. Mental health continues to be a topic that students frequently raise through VDSC meetings, and it has shaped much of our work this year, including the Mindfulness Minute Toolkit shared with schools. Being part of the City's proclamation was a reminder that this work extends beyond schools, and that student voice has an important role in conversations about youth well-being and support.

Another highlight this month has been the launch of VDSC's annual Arts Gala. This year's theme, What Comfort Looks Like for Students, has already inspired submissions ranging from visual art and writing to music and performance pieces. What makes the Gala special is that it gives students an opportunity to share experiences and perspectives in creative ways. Once submissions close, district-wide voting will open, and we are looking forward to seeing the different ways students interpret the theme.

Looking ahead, VDSC is also preparing for the Student Leadership Grants Showcase. Throughout the year, the Fund has supported student-led projects across the District and helped turn ideas into initiatives within school communities. These grants make student-led initiatives more accessible across schools. The Showcase offers students an opportunity to present their learning through the project process, reflect on what they have learned, and share the impact their work has had on their communities. It's a celebration of student learning, and we are very grateful to the Board for continuing to support these opportunities.

This month also marked an important transition within VDSC, as elections for next year's Senior Executive Team were completed. Over the coming weeks, we will work with the incoming team through transition planning.

Finally, from May 21st–24th, I had the privilege of attending the Ontario Student Trustees' Association Annual General Meeting. Throughout the conference, students from across the country discussed topics including policy, equity, student well-being, reconciliation, and advocacy. One theme that stood out to me was the importance of continuing to strengthen the incorporation of student voice and agency into decision-making processes. I appreciated the opportunity to bring many of those ideas back to our General Meeting yesterday for further discussion.

As the school year wraps up, VDSC's focus continues to be on strengthening student voice and agency across the District by building leadership capacity, sharing ideas across schools, and ensuring student perspectives continue to inform decisions. I would like to thank the Board for its continued support of student leadership, in its many forms. The work shared in this report would not be possible without that support.

LIAISON TRUSTEE REPORT

Name of Committee/Organization: City of Vancouver Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee

Liaison Trustee: Janet Fraser

Date of Meeting: March 30, 2026

**Topics Discussed Most Relevant to the VSB:
Committee / Organization Actions:**

Motion:

WHEREAS during the 2026 FIFA World Cup, the City of Vancouver is enforcing a 2 km “controlled access zone” in which FIFA-accredited branding is strictly protected.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct that for the duration of the purchase contracts for City-purchased advertising spaces within the controlled access zone during FIFA World Cup, an appropriate and impactful portion of those advertising spaces be used to fulfill the City of Vancouver's role to communicate avenues for FWC26 participants and personnel to access remedy for any human rights-related impact they may experience, per Vancouver's Host City Human Rights Action Plan.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Subsequently, Committee members discussed the following topics:

- HAVN Spa Rezoning Application (1905 Ogden Avenue)
- TransLink Equity Framework

*I was not able to attend this meeting as it was at the same time as a VSB board meeting, so the report is from the meeting minutes.