Vancouver School Board

NOTICE OF MEETING
FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Secretary Treasurer's Office
April 8, 2026
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Notice of Meeting

A Meeting of the **Finance and Personnel Committee** will be held in room 180 of the VSB Education Centre (1580 West Broadway, Vancouver BC) **for participating trustees, staff, inherent rights holder representatives and stakeholder representatives** on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 5:00 pm**. The meeting will be live broadcast for the public.

Trustees:	Lois Chan-Pedley (Alternate) Victoria Jung Suzie Mah	Jennifer Reddy (Alternate) Christopher Richardson
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Other Senior Team Staff:	Pedro da Silva Michael Gray Jessie Gresley-Jones Maureen McRae-Stanger	Janis Myers Alison Ogden Lorelei Russell
Inherent Rights Holder Representatives:	Faye Mitchell, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Kirsten Baker-Williams, Sḵwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish Nation) Kirsten Touring, səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation)	
Representatives:	Justin Chapman, BCVSBCMTU Suzette Magri, CUPE 15 Henry Munns, CUPE 407 David Schaub, DPAC Tim De Vivo, IUOE Tyson Shmyr, PASA Benita Kwon, VASSA Floyd Tuting, VDSC Greg Canning, VEAES Dana Aweida, VEPVPA Carl Janze, VSTA	Alternates: Tyler Gaudet, BCVSBCMTU Vanessa Mani, CUPE 15 Adam Crawford, CUPE 407 Celena Benndorf, DPAC Tim Chester, IUOE Kerry Chuah, PASA Jason Lauzon, VASSA Vanessa Lefebvre, VEAES (Alt 1) Jody Polukoshko, VEAES (Alt 2) Stephen Leung, VEPVPA Carmen Schaedeli, VSTA

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MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
Room 180, VSB Education Centre

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) & səlilwətaɬ (Tsleil-Waututh Nation).

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.

Meeting Decorum:

The Board has a strong commitment to ethical conduct. This includes the responsibility of committee participants (i.e., committee members, staff, inherent rights holder representatives, stakeholder representatives) to conduct themselves with appropriate decorum and professionalism. It is the responsibility of the Chairperson of the Committee to see that decorum is maintained at Committee meetings so that:

- Committee participants engage in discussion by requesting to speak through the Chairperson, ensuring inclusive and orderly dialogue.
- A respectful and collegial environment is maintained as participants share diverse perspectives and contribute to meaningful discussions.
- Staff are trusted to provide objective, high-quality reports that reflect their professional expertise. Their contributions are respected and form a vital part of informed committee decision-making, free from external pressure or influence.
- Committee discussions are conducted in a constructive manner, with participants avoiding language or actions that could be perceived as personal, inflammatory, or accusatory.
- All participants are expected to demonstrate professionalism and courtesy in their interactions, contributing to a positive and productive committee culture.

Please see reverse for the Purpose/Function and Power and Duties of this Committee.

	Presenters
1. Items for Approval	
1.1 Summer Learning Fees	Aaron Davis, Director of Instruction
2. Discussion Items	
None	
3. Information Items	
3.1 Draft 2026-2027 Financial Plan (To be distributed after the April 7, 2025 Special Board meeting)	Helen McGregor, Superintendent | CEO Flavia Coughlan, Secretary Treasurer |CFO

Finance and Personnel Committee

D. Responsibilities:

D.1 Review and provide recommendations to the Board regarding assigned finance and personnel matters.

D.2 Review quarterly financial reports and assist the Board in being fiscally responsible by managing its financial resources effectively and efficiently.

D.3 Review and provide recommendations to the Board regarding the annual financial plan, the annual budget, the amended annual financial plan and the amended budget.

D.4 Review and provide recommendations to the Board regarding the approval of school fees and fees related to programs that charge fees.

D.5 Review and monitor the school district's human resources management strategy to ensure that human resources plans and initiatives will enable the school district to achieve its strategic objectives.

D.6 Review matters referred to the Committee by the Board and make recommendations as requested.

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ITEM 1.1

TO: **Finance and Personnel Committee**

FROM: **Aaron Davis, Director of Instruction**

RE: **Summer Learning Fees**

Reference to Education Plan		
	GOAL:	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 Vancouver School District provides a comprehensive and well subscribed Summer Learning program for elementary and secondary students that offers both Ministry of Education and Child Care ("Ministry" or "MECC") funded grade 1 to grade 12 courses and fee-based activity courses for grade 1 to grade 7. In addition, fee-based courses for grade 8 to grade 12 non-resident students are also provided. The Summer Learning program is inclusive for all learners, and provides additional supports for Indigenous students, English Language Learners, and students with disabilities or diverse abilities in both Ministry funded and fee-paying courses.

The purpose of this report is to recommend a fee increase for Summer Learning fee-based courses.

BACKGROUND

Funded Summer Learning courses must comply with Section 82 of the *School Act*, which requires boards to provide instruction in an education program sufficient to meet the general requirements for graduation, free of charge, to every eligible school-age student resident in British Columbia. VSB receives ministry funding for eligible students enrolled in Summer Learning programs as follows:

- Grades 1 through 7: Courses that align with the provincial curriculum and have a minimum of 40 hours of instruction will be funded at $260 per student (headcount). A grade 1-7 student can take one funded course.
- Grades 8 through 9: Courses that align with the provincial curriculum and have a minimum of 40 hours of instruction will be funded at $260 per course. A grade 8-9 student can take up to two funded courses.
- Grades 10 through 12: Partial courses that align with the provincial or board/authority authorised curriculum and have a minimum of 40 hours of instruction will be funded at $260 per course. Four-credit courses that meet all provincial or board/authority authorised learning outcomes within the provincial curriculum will be funded at $510 per course. A grade 10-12 student can take up to two funded courses.
- Students eligible for summer learning funding who also qualify for English Language Learning, Indigenous Education and/or Inclusive Education funding will be funded at 1/16 of the appropriate supplemental funding.

For summer 2026, supplemental funding will be provided as follows:

Funding Category	Rate
Level 1 Inclusive Education	$3,206
Level 2 Inclusive Education	$1,521
Level 3 Inclusive Education	$769
English Language Learning	$113
Indigenous Education	$112

Grade 1-7 Activity Based Courses

The Ministry does not fund certain types of instruction, including activity-based summer programs, Provincial Resource Programs, students not resident in British Columbia, students who have not completed Kindergarten, adult students, school-age graduates, exchange students, and preparatory courses. While these students may attend Summer Learning programs, participation is fee-based, with fees set by individual school districts.

The Vancouver School Board (VSB) offers activity-based courses for students in Grades 1–7 during the first three weeks of July. Students may enrol in a half-day ministry-funded course and/or a half-day activity-based course, providing families with the option of half-day or full-day programming. All courses are taught by certified VSB teachers.

Fees for Grade 1–7 activity-based courses were modestly increased in 2025. Recent collective agreement settlements include general wage increases of 3% effective July 1, 2025, and an additional 3% effective July 1, 2026, resulting in higher staffing costs for the Summer Learning program.

Across Metro Vancouver, school districts charge between $325 and $500 for a three-week Grade 1–7 activity-based program. VSB's current fee of $390 is below the upper end of this range. It is recommended that the fee be increased to $425 to recover rising program costs. To ensure access for families requiring support, Administrative Procedure 506, Financial Hardship continues to apply to fee-paying Grade 1–7 Summer Learning courses.

VSB Grade 8-12 - Non-Resident Student Summer Learning Fee

The Vancouver School District offers Summer Learning preview, review, ELL and full credit completion courses for students in Grades 8-12. Some of these students are out of province/international students who are not eligible for funding. There are two fee paying rates for grade 8-12 courses depending on course length. The proposed fee increases reflect the estimated increase in costs for the program.

Non-Resident Student Summer Learning Fee:

Course Type	2025 Fee	Proposed 2026 Fee
Completion courses (minimum 80 hours of instruction)	$2,100	$2,175
Preview/Review/ELL courses (minimum 40 hours of instruction)	$1,050	$1,090

RECOMMENDATION

The Finance and Personnel Committee recommends:

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.

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ITEM 3.1

TO: **Finance and Personnel Committee**

FROM: **Senior Team**

RE: **Draft 2026-2027 Financial Plan**

Reference to Education Plan

GOAL: The Vancouver School Board will increase equity by…

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

INTRODUCTION

As part of the financial planning process, the Draft 2026-2027 Financial Plan will be presented to the Board at the April 7, 2026 Special Public Board meeting (embargoed until 5:00pm on April 7, 2026). Following this meeting, the draft plan will be shared with Finance and Personnel Committee representatives and presented at the April 8, 2026 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting, providing committee members with the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

FINANCIAL PLANNING TIMELINE

NOVEMBER 2025

- **NOV 12** FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE — Financial Planning Process and Timeline
- **NOV 26** PUBLIC BOARD — Financial Planning Process and Timeline

JANUARY 2026

- **JAN 12** PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT BEGINS
- **JAN** RIGHTS HOLDERS ENGAGEMENT BEGINS
- **JAN** STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

FEBRUARY 2026

- **FEB 11** FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE — Amended Annual Budget, Three-year Enrolment Projections
- **FEB 25** PUBLIC BOARD — Amended Annual Budget 2025-2026 Approval

MARCH 2026

- **MAR 15** MECC FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

APRIL 2026

- **APR 7** SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD — Draft Financial Plan 2026-2027
- **APR 8** FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE — Draft Financial Plan 2026-2027
- **APR 13** COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE — Receive Feedback on Draft Financial Plan 2026-2027
- **APR 15** SPECIAL PUBLIC DELEGATION BOARD — Receive Feedback on Draft Financial Plan 2026-2027
- **APR 16** PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ENDS
- **APR 20** SPECIAL PUBLIC BOARD — Motions to Amend the Draft Financial Plan 2026-2027
- **APR 29** PUBLIC BOARD — Financial Plan 2026-2027 Approval