



**BOARD OF EDUCATION VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84
DISTRICT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Arlaine Fehr, Chairperson (Gold River)
Allison Stiglitz (Tahsis) (online)
Jenniffer Hanson, Vice-Chairperson (Kyuquot) (online)

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Katie Unger (Gold River)
Cyndy Rodgers (Zeballos)

ALSO PRESENT: Stephen Larre, Superintendent
Gillian Leask, Secretary Treasurer
Ellena Gjesdal, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chairperson Fehr called the meeting to order at 11:01 am and acknowledged and gave thanks that we work, play and live on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples, Ehattesaht Chinehkint, Nuchatlaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h First Nations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda AS/JH
Motion to approve the minutes JH/AS

NEW BUSINESS

a. Policy 1 – Foundations Statements

Superintendent Larre brought up the feedback that was received from Jorge Llaca, Child & Family Wellness Services Manager for Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, when Policy 4 was circulated, explaining that most of this feedback was more applicable to Policy 1.

The feedback noted that there is no reference to reconciliation or partnerships with local First Nations and suggested acknowledging the district's responsibilities under DRIPA and Local Education Agreements, as well as the fact that the district operates on the territories of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations.

Superintendent Larre explained that if the Board is considering a big change to this policy, waiting until after the 2026 election is complete would allow any potential new trustees to provide input. All trustees present were in favour of incorporating some of Mr. Llaca's feedback immediately. Board Chair Fehr suggested covering one of the aspects (vision, mission, or values) at the next round of community consultations. Superintendent Larre suggested covering values as opposed to vision and mission for simplicity.

Board Chair Fehr directed Superintendent Larre to draft an updated policy incorporating Mr. Llaca's feedback to bring to the next meeting, and then to gather input on the values at the upcoming community consultations.



b. Appeals Bylaw

No recommendations at this time.

c. Indemnification Bylaw

No recommendations at this time.

d. Procedures Bylaw

Secretary Treasurer Leask recommended removing the committees section as it is an exact duplicate of Policy 7. Superintendent Larre noted a typo in 4.6. Draft changes to be circulated for feedback.

e. School Calendar Bylaw

No recommendations at this time.

NEXT MEETING

January 12, 2026 in Gold River

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am