



**BOARD OF EDUCATION VANCOUVER ISLAND WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT 84
DISTRICT POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026
SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, GOLD RIVER, BC**

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

TRUSTEE ABSENT: 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 1:00 pm 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 KU/AS
Motion to approve the minutes AS/JH

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Policy 1 – Foundations Statements

The Committee agreed to the following recommendations:

1. The acknowledgment should include “traditional, ancestral, and unceded”.
2. The second addition should be shortened to “The Board works in partnership with local First Nations” and it should be inserted between the 2 sentences in the second paragraph.
3. Values should be considered at the next community consultations.

NEW BUSINESS

Nil.

NEXT MEETING

April 13, 2026 in Zeballos

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11 pm