

**TO:** Parents, Partner Groups, Public and School District Staff

**FROM:** Angie Delainey, Board Chair

**DATE:** December 10, 2025

**RE:** Effective Board Governance

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Hello:

I have long said that good governance is the only promise I can make when I am elected to a table. I'm now in my eighth year as a duly elected representative, serving my second term as a school trustee. If you were to ask me to choose my favourite table to sit at, I would tell you that I love being a trustee, even though this past year has been disruptive. I still believe strongly in the work our district is doing to improve student outcomes and provide a safe, inclusive learning environment for all.

At our next public meeting of the Board, we will be introducing a notice of motion to amend our procedural bylaw.

Why are we considering changes? Didn't we just update it? Some people may think this is a reaction to the disruptions we've experienced. Others may worry it is a way to restrict access to our meetings. I understand those assumptions, especially given negative press the district has faced this past year. However, I can assure you that the intent behind these proposed changes is quite the opposite: we want to enhance the public's ability to attend meetings, ask agenda-related questions, and receive meaningful responses.

One of the changes we will consider is modernizing how the Board receives questions. The public would have a deadline to submit questions related to a specific agenda. This would give us time to prepare and gather information if needed to be able to address in order of the agenda—no more waiting until the end of the meeting to hear your answer. This process would also reduce frustration when someone attends a meeting only to learn their question cannot be answered because it is not related to the agenda. It is poor practice for the Board to put staff on the spot with unprepared questions, and it is equally frustrating for attendees to leave with no answer—or with a promise that we'll "get back to you."

The Board of Education wants the public to be able to ask questions and receive information in a timely manner, without disruptions or barriers for participants. We also have a responsibility to maintain a safe environment for staff. When disruptions occur, they hinder our ability to meet effectively and engage in thoughtful, thorough discussion.

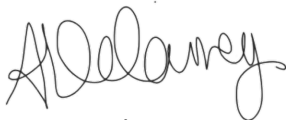
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We will also consider having the option to close the physical meeting chambers to the public and create a virtual gallery instead. This would allow the public to attend from wherever they may be. Busy parents could listen in from the bleachers, the grocery store, or wherever life takes them—without fear of accidentally being unmuted and with the freedom to join or leave at any time.

You might be thinking: “That all sounds fine, but what about people who don’t have access to technology?” Our commitment is to open, transparent, and effective communication with the public and all stakeholders. If you want to attend a meeting but face barriers, we will connect you directly with staff who can help—whether that means phoning in, supporting you with technology, or ensuring you have access in another way.

We encourage all members of the public to review the proposed changes once the agenda is posted on our website on December 12. After you have had time to read through the information, we welcome your feedback, questions, and perspectives. Please feel free to contact the Board directly at [info@sd27.bc.ca](mailto:info@sd27.bc.ca). The Board of Education will approve a Notice of Motion at the December 15, 2026 Regular Meeting that will show the proposed changes to the Procedural Bylaw. Then, at the January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting the Board will consider the substantive changes for approval.



Angie Delainey  
Board of Education Chair