

Committee of the Whole Meeting Report



January 12, 2026 (4:32 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.)

Trustees in Attendance:	Mary Forbes (Chaired Mtg.), Angie Delainey, Michael Franklin, Melissa Coates, Willow Macdonald.
TEAMS:	Linda Martins.
Regrets:	Anne Kohut.
Staff:	Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon, Acting Secretary-Treasurer Russell Horswill, Director of Instruction Hattie Darney, Grant Gustafson, and Executive Assistant Jodi Symmes.

Agenda Item	Notes	Action
Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory		
1. StrongStart Program presentation	<p>Director of Instruction Hattie Darney and Early Learning Coordinator Beulah Smith provided the committee with a review and presentation on the district's StrongStart Program, now called "Changing Results for Young Children" (CR4YC)</p> <p>Annual funding is \$34,000 per program; Ministry pays 7 programs; district pays for the remaining 3 programs that are run within the district.</p> <p>4 Four programs operate 5 days a week, the remaining work the hours that are best for family and staff.</p>	None. Information only
2. Cataline Vancouver Field Trip	<p>Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon introduced Principal Benvin, and Cataline Teacher, Mr. Wilson, who provided the Committee with a presentation and details regarding the proposed Cataline Elementary School is planning a Grade 6 year-end trip to Vancouver, June 3-5, 2026, which requires Board Approval as an out-of-district trip.</p>	RECOMMENDATION THAT the Board of Education provide approval of the field trip in principle, with final approval pending confirmation of details prior to the trip.

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3. Collective Responsibility Framework	Superintendent Cheryl Lenardon reviewed the district's collective responsibilities framework with the Committee and reviewed the framework plan that will be posted in each school.	None. Information only

Proposed Future Meeting Dates:

MEETING	Chair	DATE (2 nd Monday)	TIME	LOCATION
Committees of the Whole	Trustee Forbes	January 12, 2026	4:30 p.m.	Board Office
Committees of the Whole	Trustee Macdonald	February 9, 2026	4:30 p.m.	Board Office
Committees of the Whole		no meeting		
Committees of the Whole	Trustee Macdonald	April 13, 2026	4:30 p.m.	Board Office
Committees of the Whole	Trustee Coates	May 11, 2026	4:30 p.m.	Board Office
Committees of the Whole	Trustee Coates	June 8, 2026	4:30 p.m.	Board Office

Also attending were representatives for:

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David Julius