

**BOARD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AD HOC COMMITTEE**

**11:00 am, Thursday, March 4, 2026**

**School Board Office**

**NOTES**

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Present: Gretchen Conti, Maureen Mason

Also in attendance: Paul McKenzie (Superintendent)

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The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

1. **BOARD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

Trustees discussed planning timelines for the upcoming trustee election, including the potential for a candidate information session in June and a candidate debate in September. The possibility of asking DPAC to host a debate was also discussed.

Trustees reflected on the importance of supporting public confidence in the role and ensuring that prospective candidates have a clear understanding of trustee responsibilities, including the boundaries of the role and the sphere of influence. Opportunities for engagement and information sharing with potential candidates were considered. (Possible dates: June or late August for prospective candidates – Potential all candidates debate – late September, early October)

The Ad Hoc Committee will bring forward the opportunity to pilot a short inquiry activity at the April Committee of the Whole meeting, alongside further discussion on election preparation, including a potential “ Prospective Trustee information session”. Trustees also discussed identifying themes for trustee orientation to support staff in preparing materials for the next board.

Additional considerations included maintaining consistent messaging to prospective candidates and acknowledging emerging considerations related to the use of AI in campaigns, including the possibility of providing disclosure information. Trustees were asked to bring suggestions to the April discussion regarding key information for prospective candidates and orientation priorities for the next board.

2. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 am.