

AD HOC COMMITTEE

4:00 pm, Wednesday, April 1, 2026
School Board Office

NOTES

Present: Gretchen Conti, Maureen Mason

Also in attendance: Paul McKenzie (Superintendent)

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no additions or changes to the agenda.

2. STANDING COMMITTEES

2.a) Inquiry Question Exercise for April Committee of the Whole

Ad hoc members will share progress on their inquiry questions with the Board at the upcoming Committee of the Whole, with the goal of engaging in a brief dialogue to reflect on emerging insights and perspectives. Trustees may also share progress on their own inquiry questions if they wish.

2.b) Prospective Candidate Information Session Planning

The committee discussed planning for a trustee candidate information session, with a focus on shaping content that reflects both the practical and leadership expectations of the role. There was an emphasis on gathering input from the current Board to identify what should be top of mind for prospective trustees, drawing on trustees' collective experience and, where appropriate, incorporating insights emerging from the BCSTA.

A recurring theme was the need to reinforce the leadership role of trustees, particularly in relation to vision-setting and the development of the district's strategic plan. While operational matters often dominate Board work, participants noted the importance of re-orienting toward governance, long-term planning, and alignment with the strategic plan. The session may explore both the practical skills required and the broader responsibilities of trustees.

Overall, the goal is to create an information session that is meaningful, informative, and inspiring, while clearly articulating what prospective candidates need to know and consider when stepping into the role. The ad hoc committee will invite trustees at the

April Committee of the Whole to share what they feel would have been valuable to know prior to running, along with key areas of importance to highlight in the session.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.