



Finance and Property Committee

Tuesday, February 17, 2026
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Brush
Jonathan Byer
Dennis Draves
Doug Walsh
Larry Wiwchar

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENCES

NIL

OBSERVERS

Brian Peever	Trustee
Rosemary Pochopsky	Trustee

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Lesleigh Dye	Director of Education
Lisa Edwards	Superintendent of Business/Finance
Kirsten Elvestad	Acting Superintendent of Education
Al McLean	Superintendent of Human Resources
Chad Mowbray	Superintendent of Education

STAFF PRESENT

Andréanne Denis	Communications Manager
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RECORDING SECRETARY

Jessica Hardy	Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Business/Finance
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CALL TO ORDER

The Superintendent of Business called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

All committee members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
BRUSH

THAT the agenda for the Finance and Property Committee Meeting dated February 17, 2026, be approved, with the amendment to move item 4.1 under New Business.

CARRIED

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Trustees declaring a conflict of interest were asked to do so in writing, with a log kept on file by the Chair. Trustees declaring a conflict are to disconnect from Microsoft Teams at the time of the discussion and will receive a text from the Director of Education / Secretary of the Board when they are welcome to join.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Superintendent of Business called for nominations for Chair of the Finance and Property Committee.

Trustee Brush nominated Trustee Walsh.
Trustee Walsh declined the nomination.

Trustee Draves nominated Trustee Brush
Trustee Brush accepted the nomination.

Trustee Brush thanked the committee and expressed appreciation for the vote of confidence.

BYER

THAT Trustee Bob Brush be acclaimed Chair of the Finance and Property Committee.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

NIL

DELEGATIONS

NIL

STAFF REPORTS

TRUSTEE EXPENSES

Superintendent Edwards presented the summary of trustee expenses for the period September 2024 to August 2025.



LEGAL REPORT

The Superintendent of Business and the Director of Education provided an overview of legal costs, responded to questions about bylaw-related expenses and law firm usage, and committed to providing a total legal cost for by-law expenses at the next meeting.

DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

The Superintendent of Business outlined communication from the Ministry of Education regarding the directive to sell six specific properties and discussed the status of seventeen others.

SCHUMACHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY-HERITAGE PROPERTY

Correspondence from the Schumacher Historical Society requesting heritage designation for Schumacher Public School, noting its historical significance and the involvement of students in the research project. Committee members discussed the procedural handling of the request, the potential impact of heritage designation on school renovations and maintenance, and the need for more information before deciding. The committee unanimously passed a recommendation for the Director of Education and staff to further investigate the implications of heritage designation and report back at the next meeting.

SEPTEMBER 2024-DECEMBER 2025 FINANCIAL SPENDING

The Superintendent of Business presented a detailed financial update comparing actual spending to the normalized budget for September to December 2025, highlighting variances and explaining the impact of increased enrolment and consortium arrangements.

2026-2027 BUDGET PROCESS

The Superintendent of Business outlined the timeline and process for the 2026–2027 budget, the budget consultation survey, the review of ministry announcements, and the schedule for presenting preliminary staffing and draft budgets to the committee and board.

NEW BUSINESS

i) DONATIONS

Topic was deferred until the next Finance and Property meeting due to timing.

ADJOURNMENT

WALSH

THAT this Finance and Property Committee now adjourn.

CARRIED

The committee adjourned at 7:45 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Walsh'.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Brunel'.

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE