



Finance and Property Committee

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
Schumacher Board Office and Microsoft Teams Meeting

AGENDA

Item	Topic	Presenter	Page
1.0	Call to Order		
1.1	Territorial Acknowledgement		
1.2	Attendance		
	Motion: THAT the Board approve the absence of from the April 7, 2026, Finance and Property Committee meeting.		
1.3	Approval of the Agenda		
	Motion: THAT the agenda for the Finance and Property Committee meeting dated April 7, 2026, be approved.		
1.4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest		
Trustees Declaring a conflict must do so in writing in the log kept in the Chair's office. Trustees declaring a conflict are to disconnect from Microsoft Teams or leave the Board room 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.			
2.0	Election of Committee Vice-Chair		
	Motion: THAT nominations for Vice-Chair be closed		
	If more than one nomination: Voting Process		
	Motion: THAT a vote, by secret ballot, be held to elect the Vice-Chair of the Finance and Property Committee		
	Motion: THAT _____ be acclaimed/elected Vice-Chair of the Finance and Property Committee		
3.0	Approval of the Minutes		
3.1	Minutes of the Finance and Property Committee Meeting February 17, 2026		3
4.0	Delegations		
5.0	Staff Reports		
5.1	2026-2027 Budget Consultation Survey Results		6
5.2	Preliminary Teaching Staffing		8
	Recommendation:		
	THAT the Finance and Property recommend the Board approve the 2026-2027 Preliminary Staffing of 321.7 FTE for Elementary and 222.17 FTE for Secondary.		
5.3	Kirkland Lake Donation		
5.4	School Generated Funds and Activities	Trustee Wiwchar	10
5.5	Updates		

6.0 New Business**7.0 Trustee Motions for Consideration (Previous Meeting)****8.0 Trustee Notices of Motion (Discussion for Next Meeting)****9.0 Adjournment**

Motion: THAT we do now adjourn



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Tuesday, February 17, 2026
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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

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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 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE



Board Report

Title	2026-2027 Budget Consultation Survey Results
Date	April 7, 2026
Presenter	Lisa Edwards
Strategic Priority	Achieve, Belong, Create
Background and Information	A Budget Consultation survey is posted each year to gather public opinion on budget allocations for the upcoming year. The Budget Consultation Survey received 33 responses this year, making the results unreliable. Most responses were from DSB1 Staff and Families. We appreciate the time put into responding to the survey and the feedback received, however the low number of responses makes it difficult to use this data for decision making. Investments to focus on regarding special education: • Increase in Education Assistants • Expand high support classrooms and eliminate waitlists • Reduce class sizes (early years and junior grades) • Increase assessments and access to specialists • Provide consistent, high- quality training for Educational Assistants and staff How families want to be involved: • Attending classes more frequently • Community building events • Reliable communication platform • Information sessions and transparency • Resources to support learning at home • Flexible participation options Preferred methods of communication: • Email • Social Media • Phone/Text • Websites • Zoom/Townhalls Funding to support students who identify as Indigenous: • Cultural learning, identity and language preservation • Elders, Indigenous leaders and Knowledge Keepers in schools • Mental health and intergenerational trauma support • Additional Indigenous Student Advisors in schools • Cultural experiences and experiential learning Additional Priorities that would improve student learning: • Additional classroom support • Smaller class sizes and space constraints • Mental health, behavioural and well-being support • Stronger focus on foundational skills (literacy, math) • Community connections and experiential learning

Areas of Information Services that should be supported:

- Creating an app for communication between families and schools
- Monitoring and management software for student devices
- Digital resources for teachers and self-guided learning
- Upgraded technology

Additional Comments:

- Funding high-support classrooms
- Installing alarms sensing when doors have been propped open
- Providing smudge rooms for elementary schools
- Additional French Immersion resources to support teachers

This feedback is like that received in prior years. The low number of responses to the survey is like other boards across the province who are receiving fewer responses with each passing year.

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2026-27 Elementary Teacher Staffing - Updated March 30th, 2026

SCHOOL	2025-26 Enrolment (FTE)	2026-27 Enrolment (FTE)	Classroom	HSC	Prep	SERT	DSERT	Reading Interv.	School Based Math	Coach	SS LIT / SRA Corr Reading	Cree Language Teacher	2026/27 Teaching Staff	2025/26 Teaching Staff	Teacher Increase (Decrease)
Bertha	218	195	10		2	0.6		0.2	0.2				13	13	-
Central	265	242	11		2.2	0.6		0.3	0.4				14.5	16	(1.50)
Clayton	58	59	3	1	0.8	0.3		0.2	0.2				5.5	5.5	-
CPS	334	301	15	3	3.6	1.6		0.2	0.4		0.2	1	25	25	-
DJPS	181	189	8	4	2.4	1		0.2	0.2		0.2	0.7	16.7	15.2	1.50
ELPS	26	28	2		0.4	0.1		0.1	0.2				2.8	2.8	-
EHS-ELE	69	77	3		0.6	0.4					0.5		4.5	4.5	-
EPS	205	204	9	2	2.2	0.5		0.1	0.2				14	14	-
Federal	162	188	8	3	2.2	0.8		0.2	0.3				14.5	12	2.50
Golden	143	151	6	7	2.6	0.8		0.2	0.4				17	16.9	0.10
IFSS-ELE	69	64	2.5	1	0.7	0.6					0.2		5	5.5	(0.50)
IFPS	99	90	5	2	1.4	0.5		0.2	0.4				9.5	9.5	-
JHK	130	118	7	2	1.8	0.6		0.2	0.4				12	12.2	(0.20)
Kerns	69	73	3	2	1	0.2		0.1	0.2				6.5	6.5	-
KL-ELE	141	123	5	1	1.2	0.5					0.3		8	9	(1.00)
NLPS	433	428	19	3	4.4	2.3		0.3	0.5				29.5	29.3	0.20
Pinecrest	216	207	9	3	2.4	1		0.2	0.4				16	15.7	0.30
RR Beattie	327	269	11	2	2.6	1					0.4	0.5	17.5	18.5	(1.00)
RMSS-ELE	140	140	5	3	1.6	0.5					0.4		10.5	10.2	0.30
SPS	168	169	6	7	2.6	0.7		0.2	0.4			0.6	17.5	17.5	-
SRFPS	15	16	1.2		0.2	0		0.1					1.5	1.5	-
TPS	26	21	2		0.4	0		0.1	0.2				2.7	2.7	-
TD-ELE	154	160	6		1.2	0.5					0.8		8.5	8	0.50
TCPS	360	346	17		3.4	1		0.2	0.4				22	22.3	(0.30)
WE Miller	353	315	14	2	3.2	1.6		0.2	0.5				21.5	24	(2.50)
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TOTAL	4,361	4,173	187.7	48	47.1	17.7		3.5	5.9		3	2.8	321.7	317.3	4.40

2 DSERT + HI Teacher 3 coaches

2026-27 SECONDARY STAFFING - Updated March 30th, 2026

School	Board	ESCHS	EHS	HHS	IFSS	KDHS	KLDCS	PACE	RMSS	TDSS	THVS	TOTAL	2025/26
2026/27 Enrollment		200.00	170.00	35.00	170.00	195.00	405.00	35.00	240.00	540.00	590.00	2,380.00	2,330.00
High Support Enrollment		13.00	6.00		8.00	15.00	20.00		53.00	36.00	41.00	192.00	186.00
Funded PTR		17.14	17.29	14.00	17.29	17.21	17.23	11.67	17.14	17.24	17.27	15.74	15.94
Classroom Teachers		7.99	6.79	1.40	6.79	7.79	16.18	1.40	9.59	21.57	23.57	103.07	100.67
PREP		2.85	2.42	0.50	2.42	2.78	5.77	0.50	3.42	7.70	8.41	36.77	29.07
Student Success												-	6.84
HSW												-	
Guidance/Library		0.74	0.63	0.13	0.63	0.72	1.50	0.13	0.89	2.00	2.18	9.55	9.32
Total Funded Staff		11.58	9.84	2.03	9.84	11.29	23.45	2.03	13.90	31.27	34.16	149.38	139.07
Total staff		11.67	9.83	2.50	9.83	11.33	23.50	3.00	14.00	31.33	34.17	151.16	146.17
Additional Support			1.00		1.00					0.50		2.50	3.02
Alternative Education					2.00			1.00	1.00	1.00		5.00	5.00
e-Learning	4.17											4.17	4.33
High Support Classes		2.67	1.33		1.33	2.67	2.67		10.67	6.67	5.33	33.34	33.34
Indigenous Language Courses		1.00	0.33	0.17	0.17	0.67	0.83			1.00	0.83	5.00	6.00
NBE3E/3C/3U		0.33	0.33	0.17	0.17	0.50	1.00		0.33	0.83	1.33		
IEP												-	
SHSM												-	0.17
Coaches	5.00							2.00				7.00	6.50
Other		1.00				1.00				1.00	1.00	4.00	6.66
SERT	1.50	0.67	0.33	0.33	0.50	0.67	0.83		0.67	1.34	1.17	8.01	6.68
DSERT	1.00												
School Based Math	1.00											1.00	0.68
2026/27 Teaching Staff	12.67	17.01	12.82	3.00	14.83	16.34	27.83	6.00	26.34	42.84	42.50	222.18	
2025/26 Teacher Staff		16.68	13.83	3.50	15.34	15.84	29.34	6.00	29.17	44.51	44.34	218.55	218.55
Teacher Increase(Decrease)	12.67	0.33	(1.01)	(0.50)	(0.51)	0.50	(1.51)	-	(2.83)	(1.67)	(1.84)	3.63	(1.65)

District School Board Ontario North East**School Generated Funds****August 31, 2025**

Secondary Revenue	Amount
Cochrane High School	\$152,427.73
Englehart High School	\$81,073.83
Hearst High School	\$105,481.11
Iroquois Falls Secondary School	\$73,988.17
Kapuskasing District High School	\$123,325.85
Kirkland Lake District Composite School	\$160,065.54
Roland Michener SS	\$141,161.27
Timiskaming District Secondary School	\$250,143.62
Timmins High & Vocational School	\$306,013.88

Elementary Revenue	Amount
Diamond Jubilee Public School	\$58,830.05
Bertha Shaw Public School	\$59,582.31
Central Public School	\$52,526.94
Clayton Brown Public School	\$7,742.24
Cochrane Public School	\$80,033.02
Elk Lake Public School	\$19,477.53
Englehart HS	\$18,209.42
Englehart Public School	\$63,081.83
Federal Public School	\$37,726.30
Golden Avenue Public School	\$52,976.52
Iroquois Falls Public School	\$40,992.45
Iroquois Falls SS Elementary	\$18,583.73
Joseph H. Kennedy Public School	\$27,454.85
Kerns Public School	\$27,378.08
New Liskeard Public School	\$123,962.56
Pinecrest Public School	\$77,130.19
R. Ross Beattie Sr. Public School	\$210,795.37
Roland Michener SS Elementary	\$136,806.59
Schumacher Public School	\$24,926.75
Smooth Rock Falls Public	\$9,830.17
Temagami Public School	\$12,687.80
Timiskaming District SS Elementary	\$26,339.93
Timmins Centennial Public School	\$125,632.53
W. Earle Miller Public School	\$138,094.66