



Finance and Property Committee

Tuesday, April 7, 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
Cindy Pye-Reasbeck	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	Acting Superintendent of Education

STAFF PRESENT

Andréanne Denis	Communications Manager
Melanie Demers	Executive Assistant to the Director of Education

RECORDING SECRETARY

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

The Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Bob Brush called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

All committee members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

WIWCHAR

THAT the agenda for the Finance and Property Committee Meeting dated April 7, 2026, be approved.

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 Board 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 VICE-CHAIR

The Chair of the Finance and Property Committee, Bob Brush called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Finance and Property Committee.

Trustee Brush nominated Trustee Byer.

Trustee Byer accepted the nomination.

After three calls, no additional nominations were brought forth.

WALSH

THAT Trustee Jonathan Byer be acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Finance and Property Committee.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

BYER

THAT the minutes of the Finance and Property meeting dated February 17, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

NIL

STAFF REPORTS

2026-2027 BUDGET CONSULTATION REPORT

Superintendent Edwards presented the 2026-2027 budget consultation survey results, which received 33 responses, and discussed the main areas of feedback with the committee members.



PRELIMINARY TEACHING STAFFING

Superintendent McLean presented the preliminary staffing numbers for elementary and secondary schools for 2026-2027, detailing compliance requirements, projection methods, and resource allocation.

WIWCHAR

THAT this Finance and Property committee recommend the Board approve the 2026-2027 preliminary staffing of 321.7 FTE for elementary and 222.17 FTE for secondary.

CARRIED

KIRKLAND LAKE DONATION

Superintendent Edwards reported that Kirkland Lake District Composite School received a large donation from Agnico Eagle of \$600,000 the funds will be used for a multi-sport court.

SCHOOL GENERATED FUNDS

Trustee Wiwchar initiated a discussion on school generated funds requesting a per student analysis to recognize exceptional schools. Input included the complexities of donations, community support and limitations of such comparisons.

UPDATES

TOTAL COST BY-LAW DEVELOPMENT

Superintendent Edwards provided an update on the request from the previous meeting as to the total cost of Sheila McKinnon who completed work on the new by-laws \$30,590.00.

SCHUMACHER HERITAGE PROPERTY

Superintendent Edwards provided follow up from the Schumacher Heritage Foundation regarding the designation of Schumacher Public School as a heritage site. They requested staff assistance with their application. and communicate the committee's decision. Discussion around the benefits to the Board in proceeding the designation and the risks incurred of proceeding around building safety issues.

BYER

THAT this Finance and Property Committee recommend the Board not proceed with the heritage property designation of Schumacher Public School.

CARRIED

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Work is continuing with the Ministry to plot land and determine how playground areas can be removed from the sell list. Progress updates will be provided at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

NIL

ADJOURNMENT

BYER

THAT this Finance and Property Committee now adjourn.

CARRIED

The committee adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE