

**POLICY, OPERATIONS & FINANCE PARTNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026**

Board: K. Etheridge, Committee Chair *(via video conference)*
S. Chew
J. Bremner, Vice Chair
M. J. Blackmore *(via video conference)*
A. Gribbin *(via video conference)*
D. Lang *(via video conference)*
S. Nazaroff
M. Shunter
L. Trenaman

Partners J. Francis, KLPVPA
J. Konken, KLPVPA
N. Nazaroff, DPAC *(via video conference)*
L. O'Connor, DPAC *(via video conference)*

District Staff: T. Smillie, Superintendent
C. MacArthur, Secretary-Treasurer
L. Carriere, Director of Aboriginal Education
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction – Innovative Learning
D. Holitzki, Assistant Superintendent
C. Kerr, Director of Operations
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
H. Kerr, Executive Assistant
S. Bruskowski, Executive Assistant

Guests: Nil

Regrets: Nil

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:31 PM.

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

3. Receiving Presentations/Delegations – Nil

4. Changes or Omissions to Minutes – Nil

5. New or Ongoing Business

A. 2026-2027 Review Annual Budget

Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur presented the final version of the 2026-2027 draft budget in consideration of feedback received from Trustees, partners, and the public. In the development process, staffing and services and supplies are determined based on enrolment projections, student composition, and aligned to the strategic plan and

reflects its strategic priorities. In compliance with the BC School Act, the Board and partners reviewed the balanced draft budget.

Superintendent Smillie and Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur responded to questions regarding electric buses, including information related to fuel costs and operational considerations.

B. Review Policies

1. Policy 171: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

As part of the field-testing process, Superintendent Smillie informed the committee members of proposed changes in Policy 171 to reflect updated language.

6. Comments or Questions from the Public Regarding Items in this Agenda

7. Meeting Schedule & Reminders

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 8, 2026.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.



Committee Chair



Secretary-Treasurer