



Open Committee of the Whole Meeting
Report to the Board
January 13, 2026

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Meeting Chairperson
Michelle Waite, Board Chairperson (online)
Sarah Jane Howe, Board Vice Chairperson
Shannon Aldinger, Trustee
Susan Leslie, Trustee (online)
Janice Caton, Trustee

Staff:

Dr. Jeremy Morrow, Superintendent of Schools and Acting Secretary-Treasurer
Vivian Collyer, Associate Superintendent
Jay Dixon, Associate Superintendent
Noah Burdett, Principal – Courtenay Elementary
Catherine Munro, Vice-principal – Courtenay Elementary
Brian McAskill, Principal – Mark Isfeld

Regrets: Cristi May Sacht, Trustee

Recording Secretary: Candace Jesson, Manager Administrative Services & Projects

Partner Groups in Attendance:

Indigenous Education Council (IEC)
District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC)
Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE 439)
Comox District Teachers Association (CDTA)
Comox Valley Principals and Vice-Principals Association (CVPVPA)

A. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

The Board Meeting Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Pages 1-2

Motion: (COWO-2026-01-13-01)

THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) approve the January 13, 2026, Open Committee of the Whole agenda, as presented.

Howe/Aldinger

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C. EDUCATION

1. Review School Growth Plans

Pages 3-37

Jay Dixon, Associate Superintendent and
Vivian Collyer, Associate Superintendent

The Committee of the Whole received a presentation on School Growth Plans, confirming alignment with the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning and the Board's Strategic Plan. The update emphasized the district learning goal on core competencies and inclusive, holistic, personalized learning, positioning school growth plans as the vehicle for continuous improvement. District support was noted, including leadership learning, curriculum support, literacy and numeracy initiatives, collaboration structures, and integration of student voice.

D. GOVERNANCE

1. None

E. POLICY

1. None

F. OPERATIONS

1. None

G. FINANCE

1. None

H. OTHER

1. None

I. ADJOURNMENT – 9:06 pm

It was moved and seconded that the Open Committee of the Whole meeting adjourn.

Howe/Caton

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