

Open Committee of the Whole Meeting

Report to the Board

June 9, 2026

In Attendance:

Committee Members:

Cristi May Sacht, Board Meeting Chair
Michelle Waite, Board Chairperson
Sarah Jane Howe, Board Vice Chair
Chelsea McCannel-Keene, Trustee
Shannon Aldinger, Trustee
Susan Leslie, Trustee

Staff:

Dr. Jeremy Morrow, Superintendent of Schools
Harold Cull, Secretary-Treasurer
Molly Proudfoot, Director of Operations

Regrets: Janice Caton, Trustee

Recording Secretary: Candace Jesson, Manager Administrative Services & Projects

Rightsholders and 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 acknowledged that we are on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation and thanked 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-2026-06-09-01)

THAT the Committee of the Whole approve the June 9, 2026 agenda, as presented.

McCannel-Keene/Aldinger

CARRIED

C. EDUCATION

1. None

D. GOVERNANCE

1. None

E. POLICY

1. Gender-based Violence and Sexual Misconduct

Pages 3-8

Shannon Aldinger, Policy Committee Chair

Committee Chair provided an overview of the policy and questions/comments were welcomed. Feedback was received. Questions were asked and answered.

2. Sanctuary Schools

Pages 9-10

Shannon Aldinger, Policy Committee Chair

Committee Chair presented the policy. Feedback was received. Questions were asked and answered.

F. OPERATIONS

1. 5-Year Major Capital Plan Submission

Pages 11-13

Molly Proudfoot, Director of Operations

The Director introduced the proposed submission, continuing to advocate for projects previously submitted. The 10-year Long-range Facilities Plan is near completion

G. FINANCE

1. None

H. OTHER

1. None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:27 pm

Motion:

THAT Committee of the Whole adjourn this meeting.

Aldinger/McCannel-Keene

CARRIED

School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) Board of Education

Vision Statement - *Compassionate, connected and personalized learning for all.*

Purpose Statement – *To create safe, equitable learning environments that lift each learner to thrive, grow and to share their unique gifts.*