

**COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE  
EDUCATION-POLICY COMMITTEE  
School Board Office**

**Jan. 6, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Cendra Beaton, Trustee (Chair)  
Trudy Spiller, Trustee (Committee member)  
Dana Savage, CUPE  
Amanda Culver, STA  
Corrinne Kosik, SPVPA  
Ash Senini, SPEAC  
Paul Block, Superintendent/CEO  
D'Arcy Deacon, Associate Superintendent  
Lisa Leclerc, Associate Superintendent

**Regrets:** Allison Watson, Trustee (Committee member)

**Guests:** Melissa Horner

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIES**

*With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish: T'Sou-ke Nation, SCÍÁNEW (Beecher Bay) Nation, and the Nuu-chah-nulth: Paaŋčiidŋath (Pacheedaht) Nation. We also recognize that some of our schools are located on the traditional territories of the MÁLEXEŁ (Malahat) Nation, and the Ləkʷəŋən peoples of Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.*

**2. Opening Remarks from Chair**

Chair Beaton welcomed everyone and acknowledged students and staff returning to school after the winter break and the importance of re-establishing daily routines. Chair Beaton expressed her gratitude to the staff who worked over the holidays to prepare and maintain the schools and sites, and all staff for helping students by building important connections with them. The Chair noted that the International Day of Education is Jan. 24, Data Privacy Week is Jan. 26 – 30 and the Bell “Let’s Talk” Day is Jan. 21.

**3. COMMITTEE REPORT of Dec. 2, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting**

The committee report for the December 2, 2025 Education-Policy Committee meeting was received by the committee. No errors or omissions were noted.

**4. BAA COURSE PROPOSALS**

a. BAA Athletic Leadership 10 – Melissa Horner

Royal Bay Principal, Melissa Horner, spoke to the three proposed BAA courses highlighting they are designed to meet the needs of students who would like to increase their involvement in leadership opportunities specifically as they relate to athletics and sport in a school or local community. The courses are designed to provide like-minded students with multiple avenues to explore their interests in the various aspects of athletics.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) approve the proposed BAA Course “Athletic Leadership 10”, effective September 2026.

b. BAA Athletic Leadership 11

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) approve the proposed BAA Course “Athletic Leadership 11”, effective September 2026.

c. BAA Athletic Leadership 12

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) approve the proposed BAA Course “Athletic Leadership 12”, effective September 2026.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a. Mid-Year Operational Plan Report – Paul Block

Paul Block presented the mid-year Operational Plan Report indicating progress made towards achieving the strategic plan goals and objectives that are the focus of this year’s district operational plan. This report matters because it gives us the first snapshot on how we are doing in our work towards meeting the goals of the Strategic Plan. It is a celebration of the work of our staff in the district.

**Learning:** Shifting towards building strong communities of practice, where collaboration is at the core. The communities flow all the way from the Board office to our school-level staffs. We want to thank the individuals involved and everything we are doing is evidence-based. He acknowledged CUPE and STA leading a lot in learning and professional development in the district. He noted there are many amazing initiatives underway.

**Engagement:** Improving communication and concerns resolutions pathways are being created and almost ready to push out to the Board and community. Seeking to support parents and members of the community to make it easier to follow. Ongoing collaboration with SPEAC is well-underway. District-wide communities of practice are working on improving attendance: students coming to school is a province-wide challenge and we have a group focusing on that. Another group is focusing on a sense of belonging and what that will look like this year and beyond. Training modules are being created for BAE. Work is continuing with T’Sou-ke and Pacheedaht Nations and action of check-ins started this year and have been very successful.

**Growth:** We have been working on Labour Relations training with our system leaders. Communications learning and financial literacy training is happening to support our leaders. There is continued focus on long term resilience and sustainability.

Progress has been made on every goal, as we have been simultaneously navigating Executive and senior education team hiring processes. The notion of data-informed and evidenced-based decision-making is the commitment that assures the district Executive Team and the Board are accountable to our goals.

The presentation was well received and the committee engaged with the Superintendent with comments and questions.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke) receive the Mid-Year Operational Report as presented at the Education-Policy Committee meeting of Jan. 6, 2026.

**6. REVIEW OF POLICIES/REGULATIONS**

a. Draft Revised Policy and Regulations B-132 “Career Education” – D’Arcy Deacon

Associate Superintendent D’Arcy Deacon provided background information on the proposed revised policy and regulations. The genesis of this work comes from the district’s Strategic Plan. The majority of revisions are housekeeping in nature, focusing on formatting and clarity. The intent is to ensure alignment with current terminology and practices in career education, and to streamline the documents for ease of use and understanding. A big piece was the development of a district handbook for careers programs. The need for this was borne out of the changes happening so quickly and the policy and regulations take time to change, but a handbook can be updated regularly.

Recommended Motion:

That the Board of Education for School District #62 (Sooke) give Notice of Motion to draft revised Policy and Regulations B-132 “Career Education”.

**7. FOR INFORMATION**

**8. FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING DATE:** Feb. 3, 2026  
Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm