

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SCHOOL DISTRICT 82 (COAST MOUNTAINS)**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE - TERRACE

HYBRID MEETING (IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL)

PRESENT WERE:

Chair - M. Warcup
- E. Harrison
- K. Jonkman
- A. Maitland
(virtual) - J. Sundell
(virtual) - W. Jones
(virtual) - M. Maxim

Superintendent of Schools
Secretary Treasurer
Recording Secretary

- T. MacMillan
- G. Fuller
- L. Harder

Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Chair
Indigenous Education Council (IEC) Vice-Chair

- J. Collison
- K. Robinson

DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT:

Director of Instruction, Inclusive Education
Director of Instruction, Learning Services
Director of Instruction, Human Resources
Director of Facility Services

- J. Nieckarz
- P. Barron
- K. Bath
- R. Schibli

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged with respect the school district's business being conducted on the unceded traditional territories of the Gitksan, Haisla, Nisga'a and Ts'msyen Peoples and that virtual participants were invited to acknowledge their own territories. We are honoured to work with their children and privileged to live on these lands.

Presentation: *Compassionate Systems Leadership*

Joanne Schroeder, with UBC's Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP), delivered a presentation on Compassionate Systems Leadership, describing it as one of the pillars within the provincial mental health in schools strategy and focusing on cultivating compassion and mindfulness across complex systems. Key concepts included self-leadership, relational leadership, and systems leadership, as well as practical tools used in professional learning (including grounding/check-in and the "ladder of inference"). Trustees asked questions, including a discussion about distinguishing leadership from bullying, and clarification about leadership as collective rather than hierarchical.

Trustees thanked Ms. Schroeder for her presentation and ongoing work with district staff.

Board Chair Warcup welcomed guests who joined the meeting both in person and virtually. The meeting was also livestreamed via Coast Mountains School District YouTube Channel. Introductions followed by Trustees and District staff in attendance at the meeting.

Board Chair Warcup welcomed attendees and reflected on the busy and meaningful period across schools leading into the winter break, noting the importance of rest, restoration, and appreciation for staff, students, and families following a very active December. She referenced the book “*I Am Lundy*” by Dr. Joe Lundy, highlighting its historical connections to health care, education, and child development in northern communities, and its relevance to learning from history in order to strengthen systems in support of children and families.

Board Chair Warcup acknowledged and recognized the following observances held during the month of January:

Black Excellence Day, recognized on January 15, noting its significance as an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black individuals and communities, and to reaffirm the District’s ongoing commitment to equity, inclusion, and anti-racism. Her remarks served to frame the evening’s presentation and the work of the Board.

The following reminder was shared by Board Chair Warcup for meeting guests regarding the Question Period:

- At the end of each Regular (Public) Board Meeting, there is a 10-minute question period for the public. Questions must pertain to the agenda and can be presented in person at the Regular Board Meeting or emailed no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the Regular Board Meeting to the attention of Lindsay Harder, Executive Assistant.
- Questions or comments about personal issues, individuals or property acquisitions are not appropriate for public meetings. A written response to questions to the Board will be provided as soon as practicable. Questions asked at the Regular Board Meeting are recorded for follow up by the Board in the event an answer is not provided during the Question Period.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Warcup called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion #8907

THAT the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Carried
All in Favour

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

4.1 Regular Meeting of the Board, November 25, 2025

Motion #8908

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held November 25, 2025 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

4.2 Special Regular Meeting of the Board, December 16, 2025

Motion #8909

THAT the minutes of the Special Regular Meeting of the Board held December 16, 2025 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5. RECEIPT OF RECORDS OF IN CAMERA MEETING

5.1 Summary of In Camera Meeting, November 25, 2025

Motion #8910

THAT the Summary of the In Camera Meeting of the Board held November 25, 2025 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

5.2 Summary of Special In Camera Meeting, December 16, 2025

Motion #8910

THAT the Summary of the Special In Camera Meeting of the Board held December 16, 2025 be approved.

Carried
All in Favour

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes to report

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 City of Terrace Council Liaison Appointment 2026

THAT the Board receive for information the letter received on December 17, 2025, from The City of Terrace advising that Mayor Sean Bujtas has been appointed as City Council Liaison to Coast Mountains School District for 2026 calendar year. The Board noted the intent to arrange a meeting with the Liaison to discuss matters relevant to the City of Terrace and the District.

Received
(No motion required)

8. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' MONTHLY REPORT – January 2026

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Monthly Report to the Regular Board Meeting of January 28, 2026, be received as presented.

Received
(No motion required)

9. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION REPORT – January 2026

THAT the Board receive for information the Indigenous Education Report for January 2026 presented by Superintendent MacMillan.

Received
(No motion required)

10. INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL (IEC) – Updates for January 2026

An update was provided on the establishment and work of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC), which was formed in October 2025. It was reported that the Council has held three formal meetings to date and represents eleven First Nations communities, with a total membership of 28 members. Ten of the participating Nations currently have students attending public schools within Coast Mountains School District.

The purpose of the IEC is to support the success of Indigenous learners by strengthening collaboration among schools, administrators, educators, and Indigenous support workers, with a focus on improving academic outcomes, attendance, and student engagement, particularly where systemic or complex barriers may contribute to disengagement.

It was reported that, through Indigenous targeted funding, the Council has approved a number of initiatives, including supports at Caledonia Secondary School such as a girls' group, a "dudes" group, a drum group, the purchase of a drum kit, and a cedar weaving pilot program. The Council has also approved three Indigenous outreach worker positions, one each in Terrace, Kitimat, and Hazelton, as well as an Elder-in-Residence position at Hazelton Secondary School. In addition, continued support for the Sparkle Program at Hazelton Secondary School was approved.

The Council reported that work is ongoing to finalize its Terms of Reference, including confirming participating communities and organizations, in order to establish a clear and respectful path for partnership between the School District and First Nations on whose territories public schools operate. The Council emphasized its commitment to responsible stewardship of targeted funds, accountability, and reporting in support of Indigenous student success.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Indigenous Education Council is scheduled for February 9, 2026. Following the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) update, the IEC Chair and Vice Chair excused themselves from the meeting.

Received
(No motion required)

11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

11.1 Business Committee Report (Trustee Ed Harrison)

11.1.1 Business Committee Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Business Committee Meeting held on January 14, 2026, be received for information.

Received
(No motion required)

11.2 Education Committee Report (Trustee Karen Jonkman)

11.2.1 Education Committee Meeting Minutes, January 14, 2026

THAT the minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held January 14, 2026, be received for information.

Questions:

A question was raised regarding the distinction between absenteeism and truancy. It was noted that clarification would be provided to ensure accurate definitions.

A question was also raised regarding the transition from the Moodle platform to Brightspace and how it relates to online and in-school (“brick and mortar”) learning. Staff provided clarification that Brightspace supports both distance learning and in school delivery, and that the transition reflects an upgrade from an older platform.

Received

(No motion required)

12. NEW BUSINESS

There is no new business to report.

13. TRUSTEE REPORTS

13.1 Board Chair Report – January 2026

THAT the Board receive for information the Board Chair Report for January 2026.

Board Chair Warcup raised for discussions for the upcoming Canadian School Boards Association (CBSA) 2026 Trustee Gathering in Whistler, including preliminary cost estimates and a request to review governance budget considerations. Secretary Treasurer Fuller confirmed she would review available budget information and provide details to the Trustees prior to the February Board meeting for discussion.

Received

(No motion required)

13.2 Trustee Reports

Trustee reports included highlights of community and school-related events and discussion regarding a potential request connected to music festival facility costs. Trustees noted that any request requiring Board consideration would be brought forward with a briefing note and details in a future Board package.

Received

(No motion required)

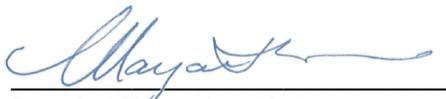
14. QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions received.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The next hybrid Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at Mount Elizabeth Middle Secondary School located in Kitimat.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Board of Education Chair



Secretary Treasurer