

POLICY AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: April 28, 2026
Submitted by: Robin Ross, Chair
Date: March 3, 2026
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Members Present: Robin Ross (Chair), Martha MacNeil, Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, Lynn Topping, Laurie Whyte

Absent: None

Other Trustees Present: Jen Edwards, Irene Hanenberg, Ralf Mesenbrink

The Policy and Priorities Committee held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Chair Ross presided over the meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Item 6.1 – AI@UGDSB Update

Pat Hamilton, Superintendent of Student Achievement and Keith Coutu, Principal of Online Learning and AI Implementation provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting the AI@UGDSB Update noting that UGDSB's approach to AI is human-centred, emphasizing AI literacy, ethical use, privacy and safety, and the amplification of student voice. It was also noted that UGDSB's work in Artificial Intelligence has evolved through a phased, deliberate, and system-wide strategy aligned with the Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Vision 2026+. This work has prioritized governance, literacy, and ethical implementation over rapid technological expansion. The presentation further elaborated on the context and vision of AI through the Human Rights and Equity lense, foundational language and math skills, as well as sustainability. An implementation timeline as well as next steps was also shared. Discussion took place regarding the

importance of student voice, AI guidelines and literacy, and opportunities to engage parents and the community.

The Committee recommends:

That the AI@UGDSB Update, be received.

Item 6.2 – Human Rights @UGDSB Update

Peter Sovran, Director of Education and Alica Ralph, Human Rights, Equity and Accessibility Commissioner provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Item 6.2 - Human Rights @UGDSB Update. The presentation provided an update on: Policy 217 – Human Rights: Code-Based Discrimination and Harassment development; the Independent Third Party Review and the resulting recommendations; and the Strategic Action Plan. Discussion took place regarding ongoing learning in alignment with board policy, strategies to connect and engage with communities, and the importance of continued regular reporting and updates.

The Committee recommends:

That the Human Rights @UGDSB Update, be received.