



BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

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Student Perspectives

In attendance:

Mar Jok Elementary School:

Lennox Field, Kindergarten Student

Rita Miller, Vice-Principal

Kimberley Mushansky, Kindergarten Teacher

Kindergarten student, Lennox Field, shared his learning experiences and achievements in his Kindergarten classroom over the past two weeks, reflecting on the activities he participated in and the knowledge he gained, as well as mentioning his future plans to be a firefighter.

Introductions

The Board of Education congratulated the following staff on their new roles within Central Okanagan Public Schools:

Adrian Zuyderduyn, Principal, Webber Road Elementary School

Marlo Konneke, Principal, Chute Lake Elementary School

Benita Briere, Principal, École Bellevue Creek Elementary School

Jeff Prasad, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary School

Lindsey Stevens, Vice-Principal, École KLO Middle School

Julie Rubadeau, Vice-Principal, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School

Jami-Lee Prasad, Vice-Principal, Chief Tomat Elementary School

Amanda MacDowell, Vice-Principal, Pearson Road Elementary School

Staff Presentations:

1. Superintendent of Schools' District Start-Up Report 2026-2027

Presenter: Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education received the Superintendent of Schools' District-Start Up Report 2026-2027. The headcount of students as of September 23, 2026 is 25,161 which includes 10,730 elementary students, 6,039 middle school students, 7,373 students in secondary schools, 561 students in other programs (school aged and adults), and 458 International Education students. (Headcount is each student enrolled in the District.) Course schedules, registrations, and withdrawals will continue to refine the September count. The total Annual Budget Bylaw presented to the Board in June of 2026 was for \$397.25M, which included \$317.54M in operating expenses, \$286.41M in salaries and benefits, and \$31.13M in services and supplies. The major capital projects expanding learning environments across the District include:

Burtch Road Middle - \$101M, 800 seat new school build (opening September of 2029)

École George Pringle Secondary - \$123M new school build (targeted opening 2027/2028)

École Dr. Knox Middle - \$23.3M, 300 seat expansion (occupancy this Fall)

Webber Road Elementary - \$12M, 200 seat expansion (occupancy Winter of 2026/2027)

École Hudson Road Elementary - \$23M, 265 seat addition (Fall of 2027)

Black Mountain Elementary - \$12M, 200 seat expansion (occupancy Winter of 2027/2028)

The Operations and Facilities teams completed extensive work while schools were closed over the summer break - \$8.2M in facility upgrades and maintenance, 24 major projects completed, 25 schools impacted, 50 rooftop HVAC units replaced, and 3 solar panel rooftops added. A more efficient transportation schedule due to the 15-minute secondary bell time adjustment is providing additional capacity for students who would otherwise face a waitlist. This adjustment has created an estimated \$479,574 recurring annual savings. The 2026-2031 Strategic Plan has been drafted and will be coming forward to the Board of Education at today's meeting for approval. In the weeks ahead the District will continue to monitor enrolment, support schools, review operations and share progress through a more complete school-opening update as information is confirmed.

The Superintendent of Schools' District Start-Up Report 2026-2027 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Publications.

2. Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2026

Presenter: Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education received and approved the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2026. The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) is British Columbia's approach to continuous improvement of public education. The Framework facilitates the improvement of student learning outcomes and the equity within those outcomes. All BC School Districts are expected to participate in an annual process to regularly review and analyze data and evidence to identify and act on findings in a timely manner. The District's continuous improvement cycle is the review process to produce the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report. Districts are required to provide an Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report to the Ministry of Education and Child Care each year by September 30th to report progress made on student learning outcomes identified in the Ministerial Order and the Board's Strategic Plan. The Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2026 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Publications.

3. Long Range Facilities Plan

Presenter: David Widdis, Planning Manager

The Board of Education approved the 2026 Long Range Facilities Plan.

The Long Range Facilities Plan provides a 10-year framework to guide decisions related to school capacity, enrolment growth, facility condition, educational programming, transportation, site acquisition, and capital investment. The Long Range Facilities Plan establishes evidence and direction – it does not approve or fund individual projects. The Long Range Facilities Plan is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under System Wellbeing.

Declarations

1. World Teachers' Day – October 5, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 5, 2026 as 'World Teachers' Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. International Walk to School Day – October 7, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, October 7, 2026, as 'International Walk to School Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

3. Principal and Vice-Principal Month – October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of October as 'Principal and Vice-Principal Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. Approval of the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan

At the September 9, 2026 Public Board Meeting, the Superintendent of Schools presented a comprehensive overview of the 2026–2031 Strategic Plan and the Strategic Plan was subsequently forwarded to the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting for Board approval. The Board of Education approved the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan.

2. 2027/2028 Major Capital Plan

The Board of Education approved the Capital Plan Resolutions for the Amended 2027/2028 Capital Plan with the addition of École Dr. Knox Middle School as the District's second priority under the School Addition Program.

3. Partnership Project – North Glenmore Elementary School

The Board of Education approved the Partnership Project with North Glenmore Elementary School for the installation of synthetic lawn in the courtyard at North Glenmore Elementary School.

4. Partnership Project – École Casorso Elementary School

The Board of Education approved the Partnership Project with École Casorso Elementary School for the installation of an outdoor classroom.

5. Opening of École George Pringle Secondary School

The Board of Education rescinded the following Board Motions:

January 26, 2022 Public Board Meeting – Main 22P-023

THAT: Effective on the opening of the new Westside Secondary School: The middle years English catchment within the boundaries of the elementary English catchment for Shannon Lake Elementary School is moved from Constable Neil Bruce Middle School to École Glenrosa Middle School;

AND THAT: The boundaries of the secondary English catchment for Mount Boucherie Secondary School are aligned with the middle years English catchment for Constable Neil Bruce Middle School;

AND THAT: The boundaries of the secondary English catchment for the new Westside Secondary School are aligned with the middle years English catchment for École Glenrosa Middle School;

AND THAT: The immediate area surrounding Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, as presented in Appendix D, is designated as an optional attendance boundary for either middle school. Students that choose École Glenrosa Middle School will be directed to the new Westside Secondary School and students that choose Constable Neil Bruce Middle School will be directed to Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

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THAT: Any students currently enrolled in a school and that reside in an area with a catchment change shall retain their enrollment priority as “catchment or French Immersion catchment area students who, in the previous year, attended the school”. These students shall retain their current transportation eligibility as long as they attend their current school and live at the same residence;

AND THAT: The siblings of students who retained their catchment area priority shall be considered as “siblings of catchment or French Immersion catchment area students”, if their sibling is currently registered at the school;

AND THAT: Grades 9 and 10 students that are enrolled at Mount Boucherie Secondary School the year prior to the new Westside Secondary School opening shall be exempt from this motion and will be designated to attend their catchment secondary school when the new school opens.

The Board of Education approved the following Board Motions:

THAT: The boundaries of the secondary English catchment for Mount Boucherie Secondary School are aligned with the middle years English catchment for Constable Neil Bruce Middle School;

AND THAT: The boundaries of the secondary English catchment for École George Pringle Secondary School are aligned with the middle years English catchment for École Glenrosa Middle School.

THAT: Effective the opening of the new Secondary School, the Board of Education establishes a Grade 9 and 10 English program, and a Grade 9 and 10 French Immersion program, at École George Pringle Secondary School;

AND THAT: An additional grade is added to the new École George Pringle Secondary School each year until the school offers a Grade 9 to 12 program.

THAT: Any students enrolled in Grade 10 and 11 at Mount Boucherie Secondary School the year prior to the new École George Pringle Secondary School opening shall retain their current transportation eligibility as long as they attend their current school and live at the same residence.

THAT: Grade 9 students who are enrolled at Mount Boucherie Secondary School the year prior to the new École George Pringle Secondary School opening will be designated to attend their catchment school when the new Secondary School opens.

6. Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2025/2026

The Board of Education received and approved the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2025/2026.

7. 2025/2026 Accumulated Operating Surplus

The Board of Education received and approved the 2025/2026 Accumulated Operating Surplus for the year ended June 30, 2026.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2026/2027
2. General Statement – September 9, 2026
3. COTA Executive – 2026/2027

The Board of Education congratulated the members of the COTA Executive for the 2026/2027 school year.

4. 2026/2027 Board Annual Declarations of Awareness Days
5. 2025/2026 Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis
6. Operations Department Facilities & Maintenance Report – Summer 2026

Items Requiring Special Mention

- Appreciation was expressed to staff for their response to the W.R. Bennett partial bridge closure on September 21, 2026.

Next Public Board Meetings

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Inaugural Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

4:00 pm Policy Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

4:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

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