Central Okanagan Public Schools
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 6:00 pm
Learning Centre - Main Board Room
1040 Hollywood Road S Kelowna, BC

Board of Education:	Trustee V. Johnson, Chair Trustee Desrosiers Trustee W. Broughton Trustee J. Fraser Trustee A. Geistlinger (*by phone)* Trustee L. Guderyan Trustee L. Tiede
Staff:	Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO Mona Essler, Executive Assistant Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)
Partner Groups:	Kristina Grant, COPAC Member at Large (*left meeting at 8:12 pm)* Teri Wishlow, CUPE President and George York, CUPE Vice-President (*left meeting at 8:09 pm)* Marlo Konneke, COPVPA Executive Susan Bauhart, COTA President *(by Zoom, joined meeting at 6:25 pm)* *There were no representatives from District Student Council.*

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Trustee Fraser noted an amendment to correct that the Finance and Planning Committee recommendation was from the September 16, 2026 Committee meeting, for Action items 11.3, 11.4, 11.5, 11.6, 11.7 and 11.8.

Main 26P-079

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of September 23, 2026, be adopted as amended.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - September 9, 2026

Main 26P-080

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of September 9, 2026 be adopted as presented.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Student Perspectives

In attendance from 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 - Staff in a New Role

The Board of Education welcomed the following staff members in their new roles:

Adrian Zuyderduyn, Principal, Webber Road Elementary
Marlo Konneke, Principal, Chute Lake Elementary
Benita Briere, Principal, École Bellevue Creek Elementary
Jeff Prasad, Principal, Rose Valley Elementary
Lindsey Stevens, Vice-Principal, École KLO Middle
Julie Rubadeau, Vice-Principal, École Okanagan Mission Secondary
Jami-Lee Prasad, Vice-Principal, Chief Tomat Elementary
Amanda MacDowell, Vice-Principal, Pearson Road Elementary

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:13 pm.
The meeting reconvened at 6:23 pm.

6:23 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting by Zoom.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

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.

Main 26P-081
MOVED by Trustee Tiede
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education receive the Superintendent of Schools' District Start-Up Report 2026-2027 as presented at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

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.

Main 26P-082
MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers
SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2026, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Long Range Facilities Plan

Presenter: David Widdis, Planning Manager

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.

Main 26P-083
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Long Range Facilities Plan as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

DECLARATIONS

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.

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.

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

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Cadre Simpson commented on the two Partnership Projects on the Agenda, thanked staff, and specifically recognized the contributions of the École Casorso Elementary School PAC and Vice-Principal Natalie Morin.

Ms. Simpson also wished to comment on the Board Correspondence Agenda item. The Board Chair advised that, under Board Policy, public questions and comments are limited to Action, Information, or Advocacy items on the Agenda only.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Broughton clarified Policy 1070 and explained why Board Correspondence is not treated as an Action Item open for public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan

Main 26P-084
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

2027/2028 Major Capital Plan

Main 26P-085
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Capital Plan Resolutions for the Amended 2027/2028 Capital Plan as outlined on the attached summary, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 23, 2026, Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Partnership Project - North Glenmore Elementary School

Main 26P-086
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Partnership Project with North Glenmore Elementary School for the installation of synthetic lawn in the courtyard at North Glenmore Elementary School, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

8:09 pm: The CUPE President and CUPE Vice-President left the meeting.

Partnership Project - École Casorso Elementary School

Main 26P-087
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the Partnership Project with École Casorso Elementary School for the installation of an outdoor classroom, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

Opening of École George Pringle Secondary School

Main 26P-088
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education rescind the following Board Motion:

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.

CARRIED

Main 26P-089
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education rescind the following Board Motion:

January 26, 2022 Public Board Meeting: Main 22P-024

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.

CARRIED

Main 26P-090
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

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.
CARRIED

Main 26P-091
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

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 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.

Amendment 26P-092
MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers
SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

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.
CARRIED

Main 26P-091 as amended by Amendment 26P-092:

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.
CARRIED

Main 26P-093
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

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.
CARRIED

Main 26P-094
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

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.
CARRIED

8:09 pm: The COPAC representative left the meeting.

Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Main 26P-095
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2025/2026, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

2025/2026 Accumulated Operating Surplus

Main 26P-096
MOVED by Trustee Fraser
SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education receive and approve the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the year ended June 30, 2026, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.
CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues
None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2026/2027
Received.

General Statement - September 9, 2026
Received.

COTA Executive - 2026/2027
Received.

2026/2027 Board Annual Declarations of Awareness Days
Received.

2025/2026 Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis

Trustee Fraser, as Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee advised that this report is required by the Ministry of Education and Child Care to go alongside the annual audited financial statements to help readers better understand the financial data.

Operations Department Facilities & Maintenance Report – Summer 2026

Trustee Fraser, as Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee, reiterated thanks to the Operations team for the impressive volume of work completed over the summer. The Board Chair added that the team's presentation was a highlight of the Finance and Planning Committee meeting.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Desrosiers attended the District Student Council meeting, where the small group began its start-up activities and engaged with members. Trustee Desrosiers appreciated that the Superintendent of Schools shared the 2026-2027 School Opening Report and Strategic Plan.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Main 26P-097
MOVED by Trustee Tiede
SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: At the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed below.

Received:

- 2026-09-09 Submission from C. Simpson regarding Board Policy Review.

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustee Tiede thanked staff for coordinating the response to students and staff regarding the recent bridge closure.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

BCPSEA Symposium
November 30 - December 1, 2026
Vancouver, BC

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Trustee Academy
November 26-28, 2026
Vancouver, BC

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Public Board Meetings

October 28, 2026, 6:00 pm
November 18, 2026, 6:00 pm

Swearing-In/Inaugural Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Policy Committee October 7, 2026, 4:00 pm
Education and Student Services Committee October 14, 2026, 4:00 pm
Finance and Planning Committee October 21, 2026, 4:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

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Board Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO