



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, December 10, 2025**

Inside 23

Two Countries, One Learning Community: The Japan Exchange Story

In attendance:

Brad Kuhn, Principal, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Bobbi Hunter, Principal, École Glenrosa Middle School

Students:

École Glenrosa Middle School

Kyla Stone, Grade 9

Jett Riendeau, Grade 9

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

William Brown, Grade 8

Lauren Pauls, Grade 8

The Inside 23 presentation highlighted the learning journey of students from École Glenrosa Middle School and Constable Neil Bruce Middle School who participated in the Kasugai Exchange Program. Each student was the successful candidate for the 2025 school year, chosen for their essay and scholarship application. Through photos, video, student voice, and reflections, students shared how this international experience supported student growth, strengthened global connections, and fostered deep cross-cultural learning. The presentation celebrated how students built empathy, independence, and global awareness while representing Central Okanagan Public Schools abroad. It offered a window into the powerful opportunities created when learners step beyond the classroom and engage meaningfully with the world.

Recognition

Kathy Ross, a grade 3/4 teacher at Peachland Elementary School, was congratulated by the Board of Education on being a recipient of the Susan Langley Earth Steward Teaching Award – 'Excellence in Sustainable Education in Canada'.

Action Items

1. Annual Integrated Pest Management Report

The Board of Education accepted the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

2. 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 Budget Timeline and Budget Development Principles

The Board of Education approved the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 Budget Timeline.

3. **Enrollment Application Dates for 2026/2027 School Year**

The Board of Education approved the initial enrollment application dates for the 2026/2027 school year as February 2, 2026 at 7:00 am through to March 13, 2026. The closing date of enrollment applications, to apply the Board's enrollment priorities as established in Board Regulations 405R – Student Placement (Regulations) was set as August 27, 2026. Enrollment application information will be advertised and distributed through local newspapers, District and school websites, newsletters, and at school PAC meetings.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2025/2026
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary – 2026/2027
3. General Statement – November 12, 2025
4. Statement of Financial Information for June 30, 2025
5. Transportation of Senior Secondary Students on BC Transit
The Board of Education referred the report on Transportation of Senior Secondary Students on BC Transit to the January 21, 2026 Finance and Planning Committee for further discussion.
The Board of Education also requested that District staff complete an in-depth review of the transportation services for secondary school routes including any potential benefits or costs with information coming to an upcoming Finance and Planning Committee Meeting.
6. Draft Administrative Procedure – Responding to Unexpected Emergencies
As directed by the Ministry of Education and Child Care, the draft Admin Procedure – Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies will be submitted to the Ministry by the deadline date of December 31, 2025.

Items Requiring Public Mention

The Board Chair, Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools, spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including the performance of a Christmas Carol at the Okanagan Mission/Main Stage Theatre, Winter Market at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, the Equity in Action 2025-2030 Signing Ceremony at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, and the BCSTA Trustee Academy in Vancouver.
- Trustees will be delivering gift baskets to all the schools/sites in the District expressing their appreciation to staff for their contributions to the success of students in Central Okanagan Public Schools. The gift baskets were assembled by students in the WHEELS Transition to Employment Program.
- Thank you to all staff and students on the production of winter concerts, theatre productions and festive events that are currently taking place across our schools. These experiences create lasting memories for students and families and depend on countless hours of planning, rehearsal, and behind-the-scenes support from staff. Thank you for everything you are doing in this busy season to keep learning joyful, inclusive and connected to our communities.
- Schools will be closed for winter break from December 22nd through to January 2nd.

Upcoming Public Information Sessions

Public Strategic Plan Engagement Sessions

COPAC (Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council) Session

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Room 355, Central Okanagan Public Schools Learning Centre

Rutland Senior Secondary School

Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm

École George Elliot Secondary School

Monday, January 26, 2026 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Thursday, February 5, 2026 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm
École Kelowna Secondary School
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm
École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 6:00 to 9:00 pm

George Pringle Secondary School - Westside Parent Information Evenings

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm
École Glenrosa Middle School
Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
4:00 pm Policy Committee
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
4:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

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