



BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

- Board of Education: Trustee V. Johnson, Board Chair
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee C. Desrosiers
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger
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: Nicola Baker, COPAC President and Leslie Atwell, COPAC Vice-President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President
Susan Bauhart, COTA President (*joined by Zoom at 6:33 pm*)
Mattea Sulko and Karis Gardner, District Student Council Representatives
- There were no representatives from COPVPA.*

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

National Day of Mourning - April 28, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education observed a moment of silence to honour workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties. On April 28, 2026, flags will be lowered to half-mast to honour those workers.

AGENDA

Main 26P-032

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of April 22, 2026 be adopted as presented.
APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - March 11, 2026

Main 26P-033

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of March 11, 2026 be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

ABSTAINED: Trustee Desrosiers

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

Agency, Flexibility, and Inclusion in real classrooms: when students help design school

Presenters: Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction – Learning & Innovation

Kevin Dent, Rutland Family Learning and Innovation Team

Rutland Middle School teachers:

Carla Parker

Shannon Ward

Agnes Gagliano

Renae Graham

Dani Tompkins

Rutland Middle School teachers shared the multi-year journey of a collaborative teaching team that shifted from designing learning for students to designing learning with students. Through flexible scheduling, inquiry-based learning, and intentional structures that support diverse learners, students move beyond voice to real decision making about how learning happens. The presentation

highlighted how a student-created problem-solving group identified challenges within the school day, proposed solutions, and partnered with teachers to implement changes that are now in place. This work demonstrates how agency, when supported by clear structures and shared responsibility, increases engagement, access, and ownership of learning within a complex middle school context.

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:30 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:34 pm.

6:33 pm: The COTA President joined the meeting via Zoom.

DECLARATIONS

National Volunteer Week - April 19-25, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 19-25, 2026 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

TTOC Appreciation Week – May 4-8, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 4-8, 2026 as TTOC Appreciation Week and recognizes all Teachers Teaching On Call (TTOC) in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day - April 15, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that April 15, 2026 was National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day and recognizes all school bus drivers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – May 5, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 5, 2026 as a Day of Awareness in Central Okanagan Public Schools, of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Opening of École George Pringle Secondary School

Assistant Superintendent Raquel Steen and Planning Manager David Widdis provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board to update the school catchment planning in advance of the September 2027 opening of École George Pringle Secondary School. Staff outlined the historical

context, including enrolment growth pressures at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, prior Board decisions and motions, and updated student enrolment projections. Two feeder-pattern scenarios were reviewed, with Scenario #1 determined to be challenging due to future space constraints at École Glenrosa Middle School, and Scenario #2 identified as providing more balanced enrolment over time across middle and secondary schools.

The Board, COPAC President, CUPE President and staff discussed the viability of the catchment options, parent perspectives and continued discussion, communication and consultation.

Christina Ennis, the PAC President for both Constable Neil Bruce Middle School and Shannon Lake Elementary School spoke in favor of Scenario #2. She acknowledged that extensive consultation took place during the 2021/2022 school year, but most of the parents and students involved have since moved on. Ms. Ennis has engaged in many discussions with parents and believes she represents the majority voice from Shannon Lake Elementary School.

The Superintendent of Schools confirmed that a parent consultation/discussion date with families from Shannon Lake Elementary School is being scheduled on April 30, 2026 in addition to the parent information sessions at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School on May 5, 2026 and École Glenrosa Middle School on May 7, 2026.

Main 26P-034

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Guderyan

THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent to conduct a public consultation process regarding catchment boundary options associated with the opening of École George Pringle Secondary School;

AND THAT: The Superintendent report back to the Finance and Planning committee with a summary of consultation findings and recommendations in a timely fashion.

Amendment 26P-035

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

Amend paragraph two:

AND THAT: The Superintendent report back ~~to the Finance and Planning committee~~ to the Board with a summary of consultation findings and recommendations in a timely fashion.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Fraser

Main 26P-034 as Amended by Amendment 26P-035

THAT: The Board of Education direct the Superintendent to conduct a public consultation process regarding catchment boundary options associated with the opening of École George Pringle Secondary School;

AND THAT: The Superintendent report back to the Board with a summary of consultation findings and recommendations in a timely fashion.

CARRIED

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

Cadre Simpson spoke regarding Agenda item 11.2 - Review and Revision of the Current Board of Education Policy Manual and her concerns about the sorting process used for the review and revision of the Board Policy Manual, resulting admin procedures, and the removal of several policies.

Shane Styles echoed the concerns of Cadre Simpson.

Danielle Meer, a parent and teacher in School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan), spoke about Item 12.6 - Public Budget Survey results and the question regarding important educational programs. Ms. Meer said the LDI (Learning Disabilities Intervention) program at Rose Valley Elementary is very important to her as both a teacher and parent, and highlighted the valuable contributions of CEAs who support the program. Trustees are invited to visit Rose Valley Elementary School to see the program in action.

Laurie Bowen spoke regarding item 11.2 - Review and Revision of the Current Board of Education Policy Manual and asked about Trustee access and consultation on Admin Procedures, and queried the recommendations from the BCSTA regarding policy manual reviews, without consideration of the many unique aspects of each school district.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Fraser acknowledged Administrative Professionals Day and thanked the Board's Executive Assistants for their work and support of the Board.

Trustee Geistlinger informed members of the public who had shared questions or comments in the Public Question/Comment Period, that responses would be provided, where suitable, when the item appears on the Agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 20 - Election 2026

Main 26P-036

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give first reading to the School District 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 20 - Election at the April 22, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 26P-037

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give second reading to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 20 - Election at the April 22, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 26P-038

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give all three readings to the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 20 - Election at the April 22, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Main 26P-039

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) give third reading and adopt the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 20 - Election at the April 22, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

Review and Revision of the Current Board of Education Policy Manual

Main 26P-040

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education adopt the Policy and Administrative Procedures categories as presented at the April 22, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Tiede and Trustee Geistlinger

Trustee Broughton, as Chair of the Policy Committee, gave a summary of the work that the Board has done on reviewing Policies over the last few years and answered some of the questions posed by members of the public earlier in the meeting.

Trustees and the COPAC President discussed the process, challenges, transparency, public consultation and resulting Admin Procedures during the revision to the Board of Education Policy Manual.

Main 26P-041

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: The Board of Education implement the results of the Policy Manual Mapping and Sorting Process completed by Trustees as presented at the April 22, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Tiede and Trustee Geistlinger

Main 26P-042

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education extend the April 22, 2026 Public Board meeting past 9:00 pm.

CARRIED

9:00 pm: the meeting recessed. *Trustee Guderyan, the COPAC President and the COPAC Vice-President left the meeting.*

9:03 pm: the meeting reconvened.

Main 26P-043

MOVED by Trustee Geistlinger

SECONDED by Trustee Broughton

THAT: The Board of Education archive and retain indefinitely, in hard copy and digital copy, all the Board policies as they existed as of April 21, 2026;

AND THAT: These archived policies be made available to the public upon request.

Amendment 26P-044

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

Amend first paragraph:

THAT: The Board of Education archive and retain indefinitely, ~~in hard copy and digital a~~ copy, of all Board policies as they existed as of April 21, 2026.

CARRIED

OPPOSED: Trustee Geistlinger

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

Main 26P-043 as amended by Amendment 26P-044:

THAT: The Board of Education archive and retain indefinitely a copy of all Board policies as they existed as of April 21, 2026;

AND THAT: These archived policies be made available to the public upon request.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2025/2026 and 2026/2027

The Board received the information.

General Statements

General Statements for March 11, 2026, April 1, 2026, April 8, 2026, and April 15, 2026, were received.

Video Surveillance – 2025/2026 Annual Report to the Board

The Board received the information.

Estimated Operating Grants Overview - 2026/2027 School Year

Trustee Fraser, as Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee confirmed that per pupil funding amount remains unchanged.

2026/2027 Public Budget Survey Results

Trustee Fraser, as Chair of the Finance and Planning Committee, reported that the District distributed a budget survey to all staff, parents, and students on February 4, 2026. Due to a lower than usual response, Trustee Geistlinger recommended sending further reminders to parents. Trustee Tiede expressed concern about the use of Word Clouds in the report, noting it was unclear if the prominent words represented positive or negative feedback.

Opening of École George Pringle Secondary School

The Board received the information.

9:26 pm: The CUPE President left the meeting.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Trustee Fraser attended the IEC Meeting alongside Trustee Guderyan, where there was a student presentation from Chief Tomat Elementary regarding nsyilxcən language teaching for grade 4/5 students.

Trustee Broughton attended the District Student Council meeting where the Superintendent of Schools provided a budget presentation to students, which generated quite a bit of discussion.

Trustee Desrosiers was present at the latest COPAC meeting and commended District Student Council representative Mattea Sulko for participating in both that meeting and this late Board of Education meeting.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2026-03-10 Email from K. Kaardal re Board of Education congratulatory letter
- 2026-03-31 Email from N. Gagne to Board Chair re Escalation: Lack of Engagement and Access – Métis Nation BC Input on Equity in Action Agreement

Sent:

- 2026-03-05 Email to A. Locas regarding District of Lake Country development

- 2026-04-01 Letter to N. Gagne re: Request to Amend the Equity in Action Agreement for Truth and Reconciliation 2025–2030

Main 26P-045

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the April 22, 2026 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Guderyan

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

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

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including a school tour at École Belgo Elementary School, School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at Rutland Elementary School, the BCSTA AGM held on April 10 and 11, 2026 in Vancouver, and the Skills Canada Competition.
- Many Central Okanagan Public School students participated in the 47th B.C. Interior Jazz Festival which took place April 16-18, 2026.
- On April 9, 2026, Premier David Eby, along with several trustees and senior staff, toured the construction site of the new École George Pringle Secondary School. The new school in West Kelowna is slated to open in September of 2027.
- The Kelowna Art Gallery is hosting Art in Action: Kaleidoscope through to June 21st. Young artists in grades 9-12 from across the Central Okanagan School District were invited to participate in the 40th annual Art in Action student exhibition. Nearly 100 works of art exhibited will create a kaleidoscope of perspectives for all to view.
- Over the past three days, Central Okanagan Public Schools has hosted over 20 teachers, administrators, Directors and Professors from Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Ukraine. Participants met with members of the Learning & Innovation Team, took part in a Community of Practice experience and visited schools throughout the Central Okanagan School District.
- Mount Boucherie Secondary School will be hosting their 4th Annual Walk for Mental Health on Tuesday, May 5th with guest speaker Jordin Tootoo. This student-led event brings together over 2,400 students, families, and community members, with all funds raised supporting Foundry Kelowna and the important mental health services they provide to youth ages 12 to 24. This year they are working towards a fundraising goal of \$15,000.
- On Wednesday, June 3, 2026, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School will be hosting their Relay for Life 2026. The fundraising goal for the Canadian Cancer Society is \$70,000. Students, staff and community members will walk laps, enjoy fun activities and

entertainment, and celebrate cancer survivors in our community and remember those that have lost their battle with this terrible disease.

- Constable Neil Bruce Middle School will be presenting their 4th musical production “SHREK JR.” on April 29 and 30, 2026, and on April 21 to 24, 2026 the Mount Boucherie Secondary School’s spring drama production is “The Alibis”.

UPCOMING PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

École George Pringle Secondary/Westside Parent Information/Consultation Sessions

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Tuesday May 5, 2026

6:00-8:00 pm

École Glenrosa Middle School

Thursday May 7, 2026

6:00-8:00 pm

An additional information/consultation date will be scheduled for parents from Shannon Lake Elementary School on April 30, 2026.

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/City of West Kelowna Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

City Hall, West Kelowna

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm

- Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm

- Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Planning Committee

- Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Policy Committee

- rescheduled to Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Public General Affairs Committee

- Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Trustee Fraser:

WHEREAS Boards of Education across British Columbia are responsible for delivering high-quality, equitable public education to all students;

AND WHEREAS per-pupil funding has not kept pace with the rate of inflation, resulting in increased financial pressure on school districts;

AND WHEREAS rising costs related to staffing, utilities, transportation, insurance, and classroom resources continue to outpace current funding levels;

AND WHEREAS school districts are experiencing increased student needs, including mental health supports, inclusive education services, and supports for diverse learners;

AND WHEREAS competitive compensation is required to recruit and retain qualified teachers, support staff, and administrators in a challenging labour market;

AND WHEREAS aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance costs place additional strain on operating budgets;

AND WHEREAS school districts are committed to providing safe, inclusive, and modern learning environments that support student success;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education write to the Minister of Education and Childcare and the Minister of Finance requesting an increase to per-pupil funding that is indexed to inflation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this correspondence highlight the need for sustainable, predictable funding that reflects:

- The true cost of delivering public education;
- Increased student complexity and support needs;
- Rising operational and capital costs;
- Recruitment and retention of qualified staff;
- The importance of maintaining safe and effective learning environments;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this motion be shared with the British Columbia School Trustees Association, local Members of the Legislative Assembly, and neighbouring school districts for future support and advocacy.

Rationale:

Stable and adequate funding is essential to ensure that all students have access to high-quality educational opportunities. Aligning per-pupil funding with inflation will help school districts maintain services, support student success, and plan responsibly for the future.

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

Notice of Motion from Trustee Fraser.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:42 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO