Central Okanagan Public Schools
Together We Learn

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, November 18, 2026**

Declarations

1. Harmony Day – November 20, 2026

The Board of Education made the following proclamation:
WHEREAS Harmony Day recognizes that the citizens of the Central Okanagan bring unique gifts to this community through their diversity; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day provides an annual opportunity for the Central Okanagan Public Schools community to celebrate diversity while committing to mutual respect; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day creates sensitivity to and respect for differences; and,
WHEREAS Harmony Day allows the Central Okanagan Public Schools to focus on the mission of educating students in a safe, inspirational learning environment; and,
THEREFORE I, as Chair of the Board of Education of the Central Okanagan Public Schools, do hereby proclaim November 20, 2026 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. National Children's Rights Day – November 20, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Friday, November 20, 2026 as 'National Children's Rights Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

3. Adoption Awareness Month – November 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of November, 2026 as 'Adoption Awareness Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. Report – Foundational Skill Development Progress – Numeracy Focus

The Board of Education received the Report – Foundational Skill Development Progress – Numeracy Focus.

2. Appointment of Board Standing Committee Trustee Representatives

Education and Student Services Committee

Committee Chair:	Trustee Samuel Robson
Voting Members:	Trustee Richard Gauthier
	Trustee Jim Strachan

Finance and Planning Committee

Committee Chair:	Trustee Jim Strachan
Voting Members:	Trustee Sean Sookochoff
	Trustee Samuel Robson

Policy Committee

Committee Chair: Trustee Lisa Guderyan
Voting Members: Trustee Joyce Brinkerhoff
Trustee Sean Sookochoff

Executive Staff Management Committee

Committee Chair: Trustee Richard Gauthier
Voting Members: Trustee Val Johnson
Voting Members: Trustee Lisa Guderyan

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2026/2027
2. General Statement – October 28, 2026
3. Board Policy 3140 – School Closures/Consolidation
   There are no school closures recommended for the 2026/2027 school year. Central Okanagan Public Schools continues to operate at enrolment levels above the capacity of the available permanent space.
4. Board Policy 3150 – School Reconfigurations
   As a result of the opening of École George Pringle Secondary School in September of 2027, the École Glenrosa Middle School grade configuration will change to grades 6 to 8 English and Grades 6 to 8 French Immersion, effective the 2027/2028 school year.
5. District Student Council – 2026/2027
   The Board of Education congratulated the members of the District Student Council for the 2026/2027 school year.

Items Requiring Special Mention

- École Peter Greer Elementary School is hosting their two-day Time of the Red Salmon Celebration. The Celebration is filled with learning, connection and celebration honouring the salmon and their return to the Okanagan. Guests enjoyed a variety of salmon dishes and learned about the cultural, environmental and community work that supports salmon, healthy waterways and resilient futures.
- The Lake Country Native Association is holding their 29th Annual Winter Family Gathering Traditional Pow Wow on Saturday, November 21, 2026 at the Winfield Memorial Hall from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm.

Next Public Board Meetings

Wednesday, December 9, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, January 13, 2027 at 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 10, 2027 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, December 2, 2026
4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

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