



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, May 20, 2026**

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Changer mes pensées: When Teachers Learn Together, Students Take the Lead

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction – Learning & Innovation
Kevin Dent, Rutland Family Learning and Innovation Team
Phoebe Cseresnyes, French Language Support Teacher

Presenters:

Lisa Schooley – Grade 2/3 English teacher, École Belgo Elementary School
Lynn Harshenin – Grade 2/3 French Immersion teacher, École Belgo Elementary School

The presentation highlighted student as well as educator growth over time. Both educators shared their journeys as learners in numeracy and how their identities have shifted as they've made shifts in their own beliefs and pedagogies around numeracy. In centering their learners and where they are currently capable, numerate learners, the educators spoke to how they use responsive instruction to better understand and uncover their students at a deeper level. Through flexible scheduling and intentional structures that support diverse learners, students are provided the autonomy to strengthen their problem-solving in meaningful ways and are learning to regulate, pivot and take risks in their own learning. The presentation highlighted student efficacy from the words of students, engagement across the vast spectrum of learners as well as the access to curriculum in thoughtful, spiraled, and reflective ways designed by educators in a dual-track elementary school context.

Introduction

The Board of Education congratulated the following staff who are in new roles:

Monique West, District Principal – Human Resources
Michelle Newman, Principal – Quigley Elementary School
Leigh-Ann Yanow, Vice-Principal – A.S. Matheson Elementary School

Staff Presentation

1. Indigenous Art Presentation

Presenters: James Elwood, Indigenous Art Teacher, Mount Boucherie Secondary School
Lee Claremont, Indigenous Elder Artist

James Elwood, Indigenous Art Teacher at Mount Boucherie Secondary School introduced Indigenous Elder Artist, Lee Claremont who collaborated with the students to prepare the painting, Sky Woman. The painting will be installed in the Learning Centre.

Declarations

1. National Allergy Awareness Month – May 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of May, 2026 as 'National Allergy Awareness Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. Mental Health Week – May 4 to 10, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that the week of May 4 to 10, 2026 was 'Mental Health Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

3. National AccessAbility Week – May 31 to June 6, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of May 31 to June 6, 2026 as 'AccessAbility Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

4. Pride Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared June as 'Pride Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. Trustee Indemnity for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year

The Board of Education set the Trustee Indemnity, in accordance with the most recent BC Consumer Price Index of 2.1% for the period July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, thereby setting the stipend at:

Trustee	\$26,102
Vice-Chair	\$27,567
Chair	\$29,794

2. Letter to Minister of Education and Child Care Requesting Increase to Per-Pupil Funding

The Board of Education agreed to write to the Minister of Education and Child Care and the Minister of Finance requesting an increase to per-pupil funding that is indexed to inflation, and that the 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;

The Board of Education will work with the British Columbia School Trustees Association, local members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Thompson Okanagan Branch for future support and advocacy.

3. Comprehensive Review – Transportation of Secondary Students

The Board of Education directed the Superintendent of Schools to explore adjusting secondary school start and dismissal times by 15 minutes. The Superintendent of Schools is also to provide a plan for public consultation.

4. Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools' Operating Budget Recommendation Report for 2026/2027

The Board of Education approved the Central Okanagan Public Schools Superintendent of Schools' Operating Budget Recommendation Report for 2026/2027.

5. Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD23-01

The Board of Education gave first, second and third readings, and adopted Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD23-01.

6. 2027/2028 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission

The Board of Education approved the Capital Plan Resolutions for the 2027/2028 Capital Plan as outlined in the summary provided to the Board of Education.

7. Policy Manual Modernization – Rescinded Policies, Regulations, Appendices and Forms

As part of Phase 1 of the Policy Framework and Manual Review Project and the implementation of the Policy Manual Mapping and Sorting Process, the Board of Education rescinded the following Policies, Regulations, Appendices and Forms:

1. Form F215 - Superintendent of Schools Evaluation
2. Policy 340 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Blood-Borne Viruses - Employees
3. Regulations 340R - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Blood-Borne Viruses - Employees
4. Policy 387 - Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy
5. Policy 388 - Public Interest Disclosure Act
6. Policy 401 - Role of the Student K-12
7. Appendix 401A - Role of the Student K-12
8. Policy 410 - Access to Educational Programs for Resident Students Over Age 16 Years
9. Appendix 435A - Medical Treatment of Students
10. Policy 445 - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Blood-Borne Viruses (Students)
11. Regulations 445R - Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Blood-Borne Viruses (Students)
12. Policy 453 - Child Protection
13. Regulations 453R - Child Protection
14. Policy 501 - Aboriginal Education K-12 Enhanced Funding
15. Policy 605 - Educational Facility Planning
16. Policy 610 - School Sites
17. Regulations 610R - School Sites
18. Policy 701 - Early Years Partnerships
19. Policy 702 - Indigenous Education Community Partnerships
20. Policy 730 - Charitable Donations
21. Regulations 730R - Charitable Donations

The Board of Education directed the Superintendent of Schools to ensure that any required administrative direction, forms, operational protocols, statutory compliance processes and communication to staff are maintained or updated outside the Board Policy Manual, as appropriate.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2025/2026 and 2026/2027
2. General Statements
 - April 22, 2026
 - April 30, 2026
 - May 6, 2026
3. Financial Update – March 31, 2026
4. 2026/2027 CommunityLINK Allocations
5. 2025/2026 Transportation Services Update
6. 2025/2026 International Education Program Update

Items Requiring Public Mention

The Board Chair and Trustees spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including École Okanagan Mission Secondary School and École George Elliot Secondary School Capstone presentations, School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at École Hudson Road Elementary School, Central Programs and Services Annual Spring Community Barbeque, TEDx Kelowna Youth presentations, Mount Boucherie Secondary School 4th Annual Walk for Mental Health which raised funds for the Foundry, Red Dress Day, Lunch with Mayor and Council of the City of West Kelowna, Parent Information/Consultations Sessions regarding the new École George Pringle Secondary School, the spring drama production at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, and the Central Okanagan Bursary & Scholarship Society (COBSS) Donor Appreciation Celebration.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

4:00 pm Policy Committee

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

4:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

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