



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**
Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 09, 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 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:	Leslie Atwell, COPAC President George York, CUPE Vice-President

There were no representatives from COTA, COPVPA or 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 6:03 pm.

AGENDA

Main 26P-077

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

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting - June 24, 2026

Main 26P-077

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of June 24, 2026 be adopted as presented.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

INTRODUCTIONS

Staff in a New Role

The Board of Education welcomed the following new staff members in their new role with the District:

Jordan Kleckner: Assistant Superintendent

Jim Laird: Director of Instruction - Learning and Innovation

Vince Hunter: District Principal - Student Transitions

Bobbi Hunter: District Principal - Student Safety, Belonging and Wellbeing

Jamie McEvoy: District Principal - People, Culture and Wellbeing

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:24 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:28 pm.

DECLARATIONS

Truth and Reconciliation Week: September 21-25, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of September 21-25, 2026, as 'Truth and Reconciliation Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared September 30, 2026 as the 'National Day for Truth and Reconciliation' and 'Orange Shirt Day'.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan

Presenter: Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools

The Superintendent of Schools outlined Central Okanagan Public Schools' 2026–2031 Strategic Plan, which is focused on ensuring each student learns, belongs and thrives. Informed by community engagement and guided by the Equity in Action Agreement, the plan prioritizes student learning, inclusion, agency, well-being, family partnerships and responsible stewardship. Implementation will be supported by annual implementation plans, aligned resources, ongoing Board monitoring, and regular

public reporting, with the first year focused on establishing starting points and implementation processes.

Trustees provided feedback and asked questions about the rollout of the Strategic Plan, future reporting to the Board, opportunities for a parent-friendly version of the plan, and the potential use of an infographic.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

No questions or comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustees commented on the positive start to the school year and acknowledged the work of schools, including communication with families, as well as the efforts and enthusiasm of bus drivers and staff, including Operations teams in preparing schools for the start of a new year.

Trustee Fraser acknowledged District volunteers who supported the BC Summer Games and noted that recognition plaques were received from the BC Summer Games President and the City of Kelowna.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent's Emergent Issues

None.

2026 Long Range Facilities Plan Review

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO advised that the Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) is a roadmap that provides the District with a framework for facility needs over the next 10 to 15 years. The updated LRFP reflects current enrolment projections, facility condition information, community growth, transportation considerations, educational programming, sustainability, and future school site planning. Trustees were advised that the LRFP is intended to support evidence-informed decision-making, annual Five-Year Capital Plan submissions, capital advocacy, and ongoing stewardship of District facilities, with the updated plan scheduled to return to the Board for consideration and approval at the September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and David Widdis, Planning Manager, answered queries from Trustees.

2026/2027 Governance Framework and Annual Workplan

The Superintendent advised that the item was presented for information, noting that the Board had previously approved the framework structure and that the updated version includes specific dates for 2026/2027.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2026/2027

Received.

General Statements – June 24, 2026 and July 16, 2026

Received.

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

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MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: At the September 9, 2026 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed below.

Received:

- 2026-06-23 Submission from L. Duchesne re: Implementation of Advanced Privacy Restroom Systems to Address Student Health and Well-being
- 2026-06-23 Submission from T. Wishlow, CUPE President, re: proposed adjustment to secondary start/dismissal times
- 2026-07-05 Submission from R. Hall requesting reconsideration of practice of Mother's and Father's Day gift-making activities.
- 2026-07-17 Submission from T. Greig regarding RSS grass field
- 2026-07-20 Response from Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care to May 27, 2026 letter.
- 2026-07-22 Letter from Minister Beare to all Board Chairs and Superintendents regarding ARC Foundation and SOGI
- 2026-08-07 Submission from E. Somfai re: RSS field
- 2026-08-16 Submission from F. McIntosh re SD23 Capital Priorities & Ministry Funding
- 2026-08-26 Submission from J. Costanzo re Rose Valley Elementary

CARRIED

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL MENTION

Trustee Fraser advised that she and Trustee Desrosiers, Trustee Broughton and Trustee Johnson attended the 3-day CSBA Gathering on Education Innovation and Reconciliation in Whistler.

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 Board Meetings

Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 6:00 pm

Inaugural Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2026

6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Finance and Planning Committee

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 4:00 pm

Policy Committee

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, 4:00 pm

Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, 4:00 pm

Finance and Planning Committee

Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 4:00 pm

ITEMS FOR A FUTURE AGENDA

September 23, 2026 Public Board Meeting:

- Long Range Facilities Plan (Action Item)
- 2026-2031 Strategic Plan (Action Item)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Board Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO