



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 12, 2025

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RCMP School Resources Officers Program

In attendance:

Cpl. Jocelyn Noseworthy
Cst. Ramnit Lally (Rutland area)
Cst. Ian Lampshire (Central area)
Cst. Federico (Fed) Angulo (Central School/Rutland Learning Centre)
Cst. Mike Della-Paolera (OKM area)

The RCMP School Resource Officers (SROs) were introduced and provided an overview of their role within Central Okanagan Public Schools. They shared examples of the proactive work they are doing to support safe and inclusive learning environments, including relationship-building with students, staff, and families. In addition, the officers highlighted their involvement in youth-focused initiatives within the broader community, emphasizing collaboration and prevention strategies that strengthen connections between schools and community partners.

Proclamation:

1. Harmony Day – November 20, 2025

Board Chair, Valene Johnson, provided 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, 2025 as Harmony Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. National Children's Rights Day: November 20, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared November 20, 2025 as 'National Children's Rights Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

3. Adoption Awareness Month

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of November, 2025 as 'Adoption Awareness Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. Enhancement Agreement – Anne McClymont Elementary School

The Board of Education agreed to enter into an Enhancement Agreement with Anne McClymont Elementary School for the installation of a gaga ball pit and rubber surface.

2. Appointment of Board Standing Committee Representatives

Education and Student Services Committee – Chairperson: Trustee Lisa Guderyan

Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede

Trustee Amy Geistlinger

Finance and Planning Committee – Chairperson: Trustee Julia Fraser

Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers

Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede

Policy Committee – Chairperson: Trustee Wayne Broughton

Trustee Lisa Guderyan

Trustee Julia Fraser

Executive Staff Management Committee – Chairperson: Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede

Trustee Val Johnson (Board Chair)

Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers (Board Vice-Chair)

3. Appointment of Trustee Representatives to District Committees

District Early Years Partnership Committee

Trustee Lisa Guderyan

Alternate: Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede

District Health Promoting Schools Committee

Trustee Lisa Guderyan

Alternate: Trustee Julia Fraser

District Human Rights Committee

Trustee Chantelle Desrosiers

Alternate: Trustee Wayne Broughton

District Safe Schools Community Network

Trustee Lee-Ann Tiede

Alternate: Trustee Amy Geistlinger

4. Review and Revision of the Current Policy Manual

The Board of Education approved the revised Phase 1 of the Policy Framework and Manual Review Project plan, as discussed at the November 5, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting, to incorporate the policy mapping work previously completed by staff. The results of the Board's work during Phase 1 will be submitted for discussion at the January 14, 2026 Policy Committee Meeting.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

- 1.** Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2025/2026
- 2.** General Statement – October 15, 2025
- 3.** Financial Update – September 30, 2025
- 4.** 2024/2025 Feeding Futures Fund Update
- 5.** 2025/2026 Feeding Futures Fund Budget
- 6.** Student & Family Affordability Fund Update at June 30, 2025

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7. District Student Council Reps – 2025/2026
8. Board Policy and Regulations 631 – School Closures/Consolidation
9. Board Policy and Regulations 632 – School Reconfigurations

Items Requiring Public Mention

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

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including the Westbank First Nation Indigenous Veteran's Day Ceremony, Remembrance Day Ceremonies at schools and in the community, and a school visit with the Superintendent of Schools to École Glenmore Elementary School.
- The Board of Education acknowledged the recent passing of Deputy Mayor Keith Thom of the District of Peachland, and will be sending their condolences to his colleagues and family.
- On Wednesday, November 5th, grade 9 students throughout the Central Okanagan School District participated in the Take Our Kids to Work Day. Students had the opportunity to spend the day on the job site while their parents/guardians had the chance to connect with their kids, sharing their own workplace world while learning about goals, hopes, plans and possibilities their child envisions for their future.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

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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