



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, October 15, 2025**

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Designing Rich Numeracy Experiences Through Co-Developed Draft District Numeracy Assessments

In attendance:

Cory Aitken, Teacher, École Dr. Knox Middle School
Stefani Oakes, Teacher, South Kelowna Elementary School
Jenn Davis, Learning & Innovation Team
Kevin Dent, Learning & Innovation Team
Robbi Martens, Learning & Innovation Team
Troy White, District Principal: Learning & Innovation
Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction: Learning & Innovation

Stefani Oakes and Cory Aitken shared how they contributed to the co-creation of Central Okanagan Public Schools' K-9 Numeracy Assessments (i.e., the K-2 Early Numeracy Profile and the Grades 3-9 Numeracy Assessment Toolkit) and how these tools are helping educators design rich numeracy experiences that strengthen students' competencies as numerate citizens.

Introduction

Anita Deng – Payroll Manager

The Board of Education welcomed Anita Deng to Central Okanagan Public Schools as the new Payroll Manager.

Recognition

Prime Minister's Award Recipient – Teaching Excellence

The Board of Education recognized Helen Park, a Primary teacher at École Casorso Elementary School, for receiving a Prime Minister's Award – Teaching Excellence. The Prime Minister's Awards - Teaching Excellence recognizes elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines for their remarkable achievements in education and their commitment to preparing youth for a digital and innovation-based economy.

Declarations

1. School Bus Safety Awareness Week – October 20 to 24, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 20 to 24, 2025 as 'School Bus Safety Awareness Week' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. **Foster Family Awareness Month**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the month of October as 'Foster Family Awareness Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. **Review and Revision of the Current Policy Manual**

The Board of Education confirmed their intention to review and revise the Policy Manual beginning with a Board audit of the current Policy Manual. The Board of Education further directed the Superintendent of Schools to develop a plan to work with the Board of Education to conduct the review, to be presented at the November 5, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting.

2. **Letter in Support – District of Lake Country Grant Application**

The Board of Education agreed to send a letter to support the District of Lake Country in their grant application to the Safe and Active School Routes program, by or on October 16, 2025.

3. **Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Framework and Anti-Racism Strategy**

The Board of Education approved and supports the Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Framework and Anti-Racism Strategy, and directed the Superintendent of Schools to develop a collaborative process for staff to consult with partner groups to develop a plan to implement the Framework.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2025/2026
2. General Statement – September 24, 2025
3. 2025/2026 Enrolment Pressures Overview

Advocacy

Update: Board Chairs' Call with Minister of Education and Child Care, Lisa Beare

The Board Chair reviewed highlights of the virtual meeting Board Chairs had with Minister of Education and Child Care, Lisa Beare. Included in the discussion was an advance briefing on the announcement by the Provincial Government on the tabling of Bill 19, which, if passed, will amend the School Act by permitting school districts to operate school age care on non-instructional days, provide birth to five year old care, and recover reasonable costs incurred for the purpose of providing a child care program on board property. The Board Chair also referenced a letter received by The Honourable Bowinn Ma, regarding Bill 27 and the Statutes Amendment Act.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

4:00 pm Policy Committee

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