

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, September 24, 2025

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1. Student Perspectives

In attendance:

Kindergarten Students: Noah Bates, Raymer Elementary School

Charlotte Dickinson, Raymer Elementary School

Admin/Teachers:

Bryce Owens, Principal, Raymer Elementary

Jodi Lightfoot, Kindergarten Teacher, Raymer Elementary Kristin Meyers, Kindergarten Teacher, Raymer Elementary

Grade 12 Student: Genesis Caicedo, École Kelowna Secondary School

(Co-President of District Student Council)

Admin:

Scott Parker, Principal, École Kelowna Secondary School

Kindergarten students, Noah and Charlotte, shared their friendship and learning over the past three weeks of school and their excitement in starting their education. Genesis Caicedo spoke of her learning over the past twelve years and her future plans.

Declarations

1. World Teachers' Day - October 5, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 5, 2025 as 'World Teachers' Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. International Walk to School Day - October 1, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 1, 2025 as 'International Walk to School Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

3. Principal and Vice-Principal Month - October

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared October 2025 as 'Principal and Vice-Principal Month' in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Staff Presentations

1. Superintendent's District Start-Up Report 2025-2026 – Part 2

Presenter: Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education received the Superintendent's District Start-Up Report 2025-2026 – Part 2. The presentation included appreciation for work completed over the summer by Operations, Learning Technology Department, Human Resources, Finance and Payroll teams. The theme for 2025/2026 was also confirmed: *Learner Agency*. Trustees were informed of a reorganization of senior management which is occurring to

ensure service for all children. The Superintendent additionally announced the launch of the new District Newsletter to be published on the last Friday of each month which will showcase the celebration of school events. An in-depth student enrollment trend analysis was included in the presentation. The Superintendent's District Start-Up Report 2025-2026 – Part 2 presentation is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Publications.

2. Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2025

Presenter: Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools

The Board of Education received and approved the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2025. The Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) is British Columbia's approach to continuous improvement of public education. The Framework facilitates the improvement of student learning outcomes and the equity within those outcomes. All BC School Districts are expected to participate in an annual process to regularly review and analyze data and evidence to identify and act on findings in a timely manner. The District's continuous improvement cycle is the review process to produce the Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report. Districts are required to provide an Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report to the Ministry of Education and Child Care each year by September 30th to report progress made on student learning outcomes identified in the Ministerial Order and the Board's Strategic Plan.

The Annual Enhancing Student Learning Report 2025 is available on the Central Okanagan Public Schools website at www.sd23.bc.ca under Publications.

Action Items

1. Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2024/2025

The Board of Education received and approved the Audited Financial Statements Fiscal Year 2024/2025.

2. 2024/2025 Accumulated Operating Surplus

The Board of Education received and approved the Accumulated Operating Surplus for the year ended June 30, 2025.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

- 1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary 2025/2026
- 2. General Statement September 10, 2025
- 3. 2024/2025 Financial Statement Discussion and Analysis
- 4. 2025 Summer Projects Update

Items of Special Mention

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

- Jesse Bruce, Director of Instruction Indigenous Education and Equity, formally invited Trustees and senior staff to the Equity in Action Agreement 2025-2030 Signing Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 6:00 – 7:30 pm at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School.
- School and District sites will be closed on Tuesday, September 30th to honour Truth and Reconciliation Day.
- As part of the BCSTA monthly Board Chair meetings, Trustee Julia Fraser, Board Chair, will be participating on a Teams call with Minister Lisa Baere on September 25, 2025.
- Trustees also spoke about the opportunity for liaison with the University of British Columbia Okanagan and attending community soccer games.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

4:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

For comments, please contact:

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