



# 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, April 23, 2025

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## Introductions

The Board of Education congratulated the following staff members in their new roles:

Allison Goreas	Director of Instruction – Inclusive Education
Quincy Kelly	District Principal – Inclusive Education
Lisa Wilson	Principal – Peachland Elementary School
Christey Hughes	Principal – École Dorothea Walker Elementary School

## Inside 23

### The Courage to be Curious

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction: Learning & Innovation  
Kevin Dent, Learning & Innovation Team (Numeracy)  
Jennifer Davis, Learning & Innovation Team (Numeracy)  
Bonnie Jennings, Teacher, École Hudson Road Elementary School  
Chantal Sibbald, Teacher, École Hudson Road Elementary School

Inspired by the Learning & Innovation Team, the presentation showcased the journey of two teachers at École Hudson Road Elementary School to develop authentic numeracy opportunities in their students' daily lives.

## Declarations

### 1. National Volunteer Week: April 27 – May 3, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of April 27 through to May 3, 2025 as 'National Volunteer Week' and recognizes all volunteers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### 2. TTOC Appreciation Week: May 5 – 9, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared the week of May 5 through to May 9, 2025 as 'TTOC Appreciation Week' and recognizes all Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### 3. National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – May 5, 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 5, 2025 as a Day of Awareness in Central Okanagan Public Schools, of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

## Action Items

### 1. Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/2026-CPSD23-01

The Board of Education gave first, second, third readings, and adopted Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2025/2026-CPSD23-01 in order to enable the District to access the funding outlined in the letter from the Ministry of Infrastructure in response to the District's 2025/2026 Annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission for Major Capital Programs and Minor Capital Programs.

### 2. Feasibility Study Report – Portable and Bus Storage Site Locations

The Board of Education approved the Quigley Elementary School site for the establishment of the new portable classroom staging and bus compound.

### 3. École George Elliot Secondary School – Rotary Club of Lake Country: Plaque for Donation to Library Learning Commons

The Board of Education approved the installation of a small, discreet, non-profit donor plaque at the front of the Library Learning Commons at École George Elliot Secondary School recognizing the financial contribution from The Rotary Club of Lake Country.

## Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2024/2025
2. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summary - 2025/2026
3. General Statement – March 12, 2025
4. General Statement – March 13, 2025
5. General Statement – March 17, 2025
6. 2025/2026 Public Budget Survey Results

## Items of Special Mention

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

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including School Community Learning Plan Conversations at Mar Jok Elementary, Springvalley Middle and École Okanagan Mission Secondary Schools, the Intermediate Spring Concert at Mar Jok Elementary, the Opening Ceremony for the Art in Action: Interwoven at the Kelowna Art Gallery, and the presentation of "Puffs" hosted by the École George Elliot Secondary School Theatre.
- In honour of Education Week, April 21-25, the Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care, made the following comments:  
*"As we mark Education Week from April 21-25, we take this opportunity to celebrate the hard work and achievements of students throughout British Columbia. This week also recognizes the dedication of the teachers, support staff, school administrators and trustees who make our education system one of the best in the world. Our government is committed to ensuring our students succeed and thrive in their education, and continues to invest in initiatives that support students, families and educators."*
- During spring break, teams from all over British Columbia took over Kelowna schools, bringing thousands to the city for the annual Junior All Native Basketball Tournament. This year included 65 teams in the 17U division, 45 teams in 13U, and nine teams in the co-ed 10U playing round robin.
- The Kelowna Art Gallery is hosting Art in Action: Interwoven from April 5<sup>th</sup> through to June 15<sup>th</sup>. Young artists in grades 9-12 from across Central Okanagan Public Schools have come together to participate in the 39<sup>th</sup> annual *Art in Action* student exhibition. This year's exhibition invited students to explore and celebrate the power of togetherness through artistic expression. The artwork reflects the interconnectedness of humanity, showing how our differences, cultures, and stories weave together to form a rich tapestry of collective identity. Through their varied approaches, these student artists demonstrate how art can bridge divides, foster empathy, and inspire change, making this exhibition a powerful testament to the importance of art in building stronger, more inclusive communities.

- Mount Boucherie Secondary School is excited to announce the third annual Walk for Mental Health, to be held on May 8, 2025. The Walk for Mental Health is a fundraiser for Foundry Kelowna and youth mental health support. Participants can look forward to a 5km walk through the community with activities on the MBSS field including games, food trucks, inflatables, Foundry Bus tours, community vendors, and more. The community is encouraged to attend.

### **Next Public Board Meeting**

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee

6:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

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