



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, June 11, 2025**

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Becoming Us: A Year of Agency, Connection and Collective Growth

In attendance:

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction: Learning & Innovation

Paige Labanowicz, Grade 6 teacher, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Torsten Raupach, Grade 6 teacher, Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Paige and Torsten presented on how centering student agency has transformed a classroom into a vibrant, collaborative learning environment. Together a space was created where community and curiosity led to student ownership and meaningful learning. This journey revealed that when learners feel empowered, and teachers feel efficacy, everyone thrives together.

Recognition

The Board of Education congratulated the following:

Rutland Senior Secondary School Rugby Team

Provincial Champions

Rutland Senior Secondary School e-Sports Team

Pacific Region Champions

Tyson Cook

Kelowna Civic and Community Awards - Honour in the Arts Award Winner

Declarations

1. National Indigenous History Month – June 2025

The Central Okanagan Board of Education recognizes the month of June as 'National Indigenous History Month' and declared June 21, 2025 as 'Indigenous Peoples Day' in Central Okanagan Public Schools

Action Items

1. Affirmation of Board Statement on Indigenous Sovereignty

The Board of Education affirmed the decision at the May 21, 2025 Incamera Meeting to make public its statement on Indigenous Sovereignty in response to public comments made by an area MLA.

2. 2026/2027 Five-Year Capital Plan Submission

The Board of Education approved the Capital Plan Resolutions for the 2026/2027 Capital Plan for submission to the Ministry of Infrastructure by the June 30, 2025 deadline.

3. 2025/2026 Review of Meal Allowance Per Diem Rates

The Board of Education approved the recommended meal allowance per diem rates, being \$17 for breakfast (unchanged), \$22 for lunch (unchanged) and \$41 for dinner (increased from \$38), effective July 1, 2025.

4. 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 School Calendars

The Board of Education adopted the Local School Calendars for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 school years as identified in the calendar proposal presented at the June 11th Public Board Meeting. The calendar will be made available to the District once approved by the Ministry of Education and Child Care. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO will direct school Principals, in consultation with staff and parents, to establish site-based calendars for the 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 school years. In establishing such calendars, Principals must:

- Conform to the School Act and Regulations, applicable Collective Agreements, and School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan Public Schools) Board Policy.
- Schedule school parent/teacher conference times.
- Schedule their school's calendar and bell schedule.

2026/2027

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2026/2027
Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 8
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Wednesday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 9
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 12
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 23
Remembrance Day	Wednesday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 21 – January 1
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Friday, January 1
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Monday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 12
Family Day	Monday, February 15
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 15 – March 25
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Tuesday, March 30
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, March 26
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, March 29
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 24
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Wednesday, June 30

2027/2028

DESIGNATION	SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 23 Local Calendar 2027/2028
Days in session	189 (3 summer Pro Days)
Number of days of instruction	182
Number of non-instructional days	7
Schools open	Tuesday, September 7
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	Thursday, September 30
Administrative Implementation Day	Friday, October 8
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 11
Teacher Professional Day	Friday, October 22
Remembrance Day	Thursday, November 11
Winter vacation period (schools closed)	December 20 – January 3
Statutory holiday (schools closed)	Monday, January 3
Schools reopen after Winter vacation	Tuesday, January 4
Teacher Professional Day (Support Staff In-Service Day)	Friday, February 18
Family Day	Monday, February 21
Spring vacation period (schools closed)	March 20 – March 31
Schools reopen after Spring vacation	Monday, April 3
Good Friday (schools closed)	Friday, April 14
Easter Monday (schools closed)	Monday, April 17
Victoria Day (schools closed)	Monday, May 22
Administrative Day (students do not attend)	Friday, June 30

The adopted calendars will be posted on the School District website (www.sd23.bc.ca) once approved by the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

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 – May 14, 2025
4. General Statement – May 21, 2025
5. General Statement – June 2, 2025
6. COTA Executive 2025/2026 – 2026/2027
The Board of Education congratulated the members of the COTA Executive for 2025/2026 to 2026/2027.
7. 2025/2026 CommunityLINK Allocations
8. 2024/2025 International Education Program Update

9. 2024/2025 Transportation Services Department Update

Advocacy

Last week, on behalf of the Board of Education, Board Chair Julia Fraser presented to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

Items of Special Mention

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

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including school assemblies, classroom visits, interviews for the new Assistant Superintendent, Graduation Ceremonies, a School Community Learning Plan Conversation at Rutland Senior Secondary School, Indigenous Graduation Ceremonies, Capstone presentations, École Glenrosa Elementary School Spring Carnival 50th Anniversary, and the Central School Annual Spring Community Barbeque,
- On Thursday, June 5th École Okanagan Mission Secondary School held their Relay for Life, bringing together cancer survivors, remembering those lost to cancer, and fundraising over \$70,000.
- École Dr. Knox Middle School held their Bald Falcon Day on May 30th to raise money for BC Children's Hospital. They exceeded their goal of \$14,000 and raised \$33,319.65.
- The Annual District Track and Field meets were held last week at the Apple Bowl where elementary and middle school students from across the Central Okanagan engaged in fun competition to ignite their interest in track and field sports. Thank you to the many volunteers (family, staff and community volunteers) who make this event so much fun for our learners.
- Trustees, staff and students participated in the Pride Festival held at City Park on Saturday, May 31st.
- The Annual iGen Finale night was held last evening at the Innovation Centre. Eight finalists pitched their startup ideas to a panel of judges and answered questions in front of a live audience. Marcus Kuhn collected the \$1,000 Kevin Greenwood Memorial Scholarship, generously donated by Okanagan College. Many thanks to the business education teachers in Central Okanagan Public Schools who mentored the students, as well as the generous donations received from sponsors.
- The June edition of Together We Learn will be published on or about Monday, June 16th with the theme of "System Wellbeing/Togetherness".
- On Tuesday, June 3rd at the Indigenous Education Council Meeting, members of the IEC, Trustees, Senior Staff, family and friends gathered to honour former Board Chair, Moyra Baxter, with a traditional blanketing. The Blanketing Ceremony was led by Westbank First Nation Councilor and IEC Chair, Jordan Coble.
- Thank you to the many staff and volunteers who organized the 10th Annual District SumoBot Competition on Thursday, May 22nd. We also appreciate our community partners at UBCO for hosting once again. With almost 200 students and 74 robot teams participating this year, it was another huge success that created a unique learning opportunity and sparked new interests in hundreds of our learners.
- On May 15th, over 400 middle school students from École Glenrosa Middle, Constable Neil Bruce Middle, École KLO Middle, and Canyon Falls Middle gathered at UBCO for the revamped Expo of Awesome: Youth Taking Action Towards a Sustainable Future.
- The Board of Education recently had a virtual meeting with Minister of Education and Child Care, Lisa Beare, to discuss the insights into our District's priorities, exciting initiatives, and challenges.
- The Heavy Equipment Operator Program Year-End Completion Ceremony was held on Friday, June 6th to recognize student achievements as they completed the rigorous, hands-on training program.

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

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