



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 22, 2026**

National Day of Mourning – April 28, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education observed a moment of silence to honour workers who have been hurt or who have lost their lives in the course of performing their duties. On April 28, 2026, flags will be lowered to half-mast to honour those workers.

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Agency, Flexibility and Inclusion in Real Classrooms: When Students Help Design School

Presenters:

Jordan Kleckner, Director of Instruction – Learning & Innovation

Kevin Dent, Rutland Family Learning and Innovation Team

Rutland Middle School teachers:

Carla Parker

Shannon Ward

Agnes Gagliano

Renae Graham

Dani Tompkins

Rutland Middle School teachers shared the multi-year journey of a collaborative teaching team that shifted from designing learning for students to designing learning with them. Through flexible scheduling, inquiry-based learning, and intentional structures that support diverse learners, students move beyond voice to real decision making about how learning happens. The presentation highlighted how a student-created problem-solving group identified challenges within the school day, proposed solutions, and partnered with teachers to implement changes that are now in place. This work demonstrates how agency, when supported by clear structures and shared responsibility, increases engagement, access, and ownership of learning within a complex middle school context.

Declaration

1. National Volunteer Week – April 19-25, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared April 19 – 25, 2026 as National Volunteer Week and recognizes all volunteers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

2. TTOC Appreciation Week – May 4-8, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 4 – 8, 2026 as TTOC Appreciation Week and recognizes all Teachers Teaching on Call (TTOC) in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

3. National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day – April 15, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that April 15, 2026 was National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day and recognizes all school bus drivers in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

4. **National Day of Awareness of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – May 5, 2026**
The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared May 5, 2026 as a Day of Awareness in Central Okanagan Public Schools, of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Staff Presentation

1. Opening of École George Pringle Secondary School

Presenters: Raquel Steen, Assistant Superintendent
David Widdis, Planning Manager

The opening of École George Pringle Secondary School in September 2027 requires the Board of Education's direction concerning the placement of secondary students on the Westside. Beginning in 2021, the Board of Education approved several motions to prepare for the development of a second secondary school in West Kelowna after holding several public consultation meetings, public Committee meetings and public Board Meetings. Since that time, student enrolment trends in West Kelowna have drastically shifted. These changes no longer align with the original Board of Education motions and affect efforts to balance student enrolment in West Kelowna. To better align future student enrolment at West Kelowna middle and secondary schools, the following scenarios were shared for consideration:

1. Follow the 2022 Motions to shift Shannon Lake Elementary School feeding into École Glenrosa Middle School.

The implications of this scenario are:

- École Glenrosa Middle School will exceed capacity and cannot accommodate projected growth (no space for portables on the site)
- Potential for increased transportation costs for families and the District
- Student enrolment in the next decade will become unbalanced at middle and secondary schools

2. Alternate Feeder Pattern – Shannon Lake Elementary School continues to feed into Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, balancing middle school enrolments and gradual secondary school enrolment shifts.

The implications of this scenario are:

- Constable Neil Bruce Middle School enrolment will ease more slowly over time
- Temporary future over capacity can be managed by adding portables and following catchment boundaries
- Student enrolment over time will be more balanced at middle and secondary schools

Scenario 1 would result in over capacity at École Glenrosa Middle School based on updated student projections. There is the inability to add portables to the École Glenrosa Middle School site. Scenario 2 would provide a more balanced student enrolment over time.

The Board of Education directed the Superintendent of Schools to conduct a public consultation process regarding catchment boundary options associated with the opening of École George Pringle Secondary School, and the Superintendent to report back to the Board with a summary of consultation findings and recommendations, in a timely fashion.

There are Westside Parent Information Sessions scheduled as follows:

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm

École Glenrosa Middle School

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm

which will now be Information/Consultation Sessions.

Action Items

1. School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 20 – Election 2026

The Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) gave first, second and third reading, and adopted the School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Bylaw No. 20 – Election 2026.

2. Review and Revision of the Current Board of Education Policy Manual

The Board of Education adopted the Policy and Administrative Procedures categories as follows:

Policy

- Board Governance
- Superintendent/School Board Relations
- Operational Expectations
- Student Achievement, Learning & Well-Being (Results)

Administrative Procedures

- Business Finance
- Community Partnerships
- Critical Incidents
- Human Resources
- Instructional Programs
- Operations/Facilities
- Students
- Technology

The Board of Education approved the implementation of the results of the Policy Manual Mapping and Sorting Process completed by Trustees. The policies, as they existed as of April 21, 2026, are to be archived and retained indefinitely, and archived policies are to be made available to the public upon request.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2025/2026 and 2026/2027
2. General Statements
 - March 11, 2026
 - April 1, 2026
 - April 8, 2026
 - April 15, 2026
3. Video Surveillance – 2025/2026 Annual Report to the Board
4. Estimated Operating Grants Overview – 2026/2027 School Year
5. 2026/2027 Public Budget Survey Results
6. Opening of École George Pringle Secondary School

Items Requiring Public Mention

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

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including a school tour at École Belgo Elementary School, School Community Student Learning Plan Conversation at Rutland Elementary School, the BCSTA AGM held on April 10 and 11, 2026 in Vancouver, and the Skills Canada Competition.
- Many Central Okanagan Public School students participated in the 47th B.C. Interior Jazz Festival which took place April 16-18, 2026.
- On April 9, 2026, Premier David Eby, along with several trustees and senior staff, toured the construction site of the new École George Pringle Secondary School. The new school in West Kelowna is slated to open in September of 2027.

- The Kelowna Art Gallery is hosting Art in Action: Kaleidoscope through to June 21st. Young artists in grades 9-12 from across the Central Okanagan School District were invited to participate in the 40th annual *Art in Action* student exhibition. Nearly 100 works of art exhibited will create a kaleidoscope of perspectives for all to view.
- Over the past three days, Central Okanagan Public Schools has hosted over 20 teachers, administrators, Directors and Professors from Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Ukraine. Participants met with members of the Learning & Innovation Team, took part in a Community of Practice experience and visited schools throughout the Central Okanagan School District.
- Mount Boucherie Secondary School will be hosting their 4th Annual Walk for Mental Health on Tuesday, May 5th with guest speaker Jordin Tootoo. This student-led event brings together over 2,400 students, families, and community members, with all funds raised supporting Foundry Kelowna and the important mental health services they provide to youth ages 12 to 24. This year they are working towards a fundraising goal of \$15,000.
- On Wednesday, June 3, 2026, École Okanagan Mission Secondary School will be hosting their Relay for Life 2026. The fundraising goal for the Canadian Cancer Society is \$70,000. Students, staff and community members will walk laps, enjoy fun activities and entertainment, and celebrate cancer survivors in our community and remember those that have lost their battle with this terrible disease.
- Constable Neil Bruce Middle School will be presenting their 4th musical production “SHREK JR.” on April 29 and 30, 2026, and on April 21 to 24, 2026 the Mount Boucherie Secondary School’s spring drama production is “The Alibis”.

Upcoming Parent Information Sessions

École George Pringle Secondary School - Westside Parent Information/Consultation Sessions

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Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

5:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

4:00 pm General Affairs Committee (please note change in Committee meeting)

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

4:00 pm Policy Committee (new date)

Notice of Motion

Trustee Julia Fraser:

WHEREAS Boards of Education across British Columbia are responsible for delivering high-quality, equitable public education to all students;

AND WHEREAS per-pupil funding has not kept pace with the rate of inflation, resulting in increased financial pressure on school districts;

AND WHEREAS rising costs related to staffing, utilities, transportation, insurance, and classroom resources continue to outpace current funding levels;

AND WHEREAS school districts are experiencing increased student needs, including mental health supports, inclusive education services, and supports for diverse learners;

AND WHEREAS competitive compensation is required to recruit and retain qualified teachers, support staff, and administrators in a challenging labour market;

AND WHEREAS aging infrastructure and deferred maintenance costs place additional strain on operating budgets;

AND WHEREAS school districts are committed to providing safe, inclusive, and modern learning environments that support student success;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education write to the Minister of Education and Childcare and the Minister of Finance requesting an increase to per-pupil funding that is indexed to inflation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this correspondence highlight the need for sustainable, predictable funding that reflects:

- the true cost of delivering public education;
- increased student complexity and support needs;
- rising operational and capital costs;
- recruitment and retention of qualified staff;
- the importance of maintaining safe and effective learning environments;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this motion be shared with the British Columbia School Trustees Association, local Members of the Legislative Assembly, and neighbouring school districts for future support and advocacy.

Rationale:

Stable and adequate funding is essential to ensure that all students have access to high-quality educational opportunities. Aligning per-pupil funding with inflation will help school districts maintain services, support student success, and plan responsibly for the future.

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