



Board Bulletin

Regular Public Meeting Highlights

November 18, 2025

Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

The Board of Education re-elected Trustee Craig Brennan to serve as Chair of the Board for the upcoming year. He has been Chair of the Board for the last two years and has also served as Vice Chair. Trustee Erica McLean was re-elected to the role of Vice Chair for the upcoming year. This will be her third year serving the Board in this role.

Trustee Shar McCrory was re-elected to serve as the Board's representative to the BC School Trustees Association and Trustee Sarah Holland was re-elected to serve as the Board's representative to the BC Public School Employers Association.

Presentations to the Board

- Representatives of the District Student Advisory Council provided an overview of their recent and upcoming activities.
- The College Heights Family of Schools provided a [presentation](#) on learning in their school as it relates to the priorities of the Strategic Plan. The schools presented strong examples of land-based learning, literacy and numeracy improvements, cultural programming, and wellness initiatives, underscoring district-wide progress in learning and belonging.
- The Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided a [presentation](#) to the Board on the Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) which is an annual assessment of students' literacy and numeracy skills.

Board Policy Review

The Board of Education approved the repeal, approval and referral of various policies as recommended by the Ad Hoc Policy Committee.

Policies 2.4 Student Voice, 2.41 Parent Engagement and 2.50 Partnerships, Corporate Sponsorships and Donations were referred to the Policy Advisory Committee for review in January 2026.

Board Authorized Course

The Board of Education approved [Equine Assisted Learning and Animal Care 12](#), an experimental program designed to build confidence, empathy, and leadership through partnerships with the Equestrian Centre and SPCA.

2026-2027 Annual Budget Process and Timeline

The Board of Education approved the [2026-2027 Annual Budget Development Process and Timeline](#).

Highlights of the budget process include:

- an opportunity early in the budget development process for Rightsholders, unions and partner groups to receive preliminary budget information and provide feedback to the Board on budget priorities
- increased student voice through the District Student Advisory Council
- a feedback period for community input on the preliminary Annual Budget via survey or written submission
- feedback to be provided at a Committee of the Whole Meeting in April for consideration prior to preparation of the final Annual Budget.

Superintendent's Report

The Associate Superintendents shared an update highlighting progress and priorities aligned with the Strategic Plan.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

- Harwin Elementary: Dakelh Ways of Knowing
- Southridge / College Heights: Grade 6/7 Drum Making, Story Telling and Learning on the Land
- Duchess Park Secondary: Indigenous Land Based Learning Fair
- DP Todd Secondary: What is Truth and Reconciliation Day

LEARNING

- Canadian Outdoor Learning Leaders
- Remembrance Day Ceremonies

EQUITY OF ACCESS

- Nukko Lake Elementary
 - o Hire a Grade 7
 - o Equity and Access
- Hixon – Camp Trapping
 - o Hixon Menu

WELLNESS

- Feeding Futures
 - o School Based Lunches
 - o Centralized Lunch Programs
 - o Hybrid Model: Grab & Go
- Nusdeh Yoh Elementary
 - o Social-Emotional / Nutritional / Cultural Wellness
 - o Community – Guardian Supports