



# School District No. 51 (Boundary)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
West Boundary Elementary School, Rock Creek, BC  
April 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

## Agenda

via Zoom

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### Call to Order

### Land Acknowledgement

With gratitude, we acknowledge that School District 51 resides on the unceded traditional territory of the Interior Salish people. We also acknowledge the enduring presence of all First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. May we always live and care for these lands with respect.

### Adoption of Agenda

### Adoption of Minutes

- February 24, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- March 17, 2026 – Special Regular Meeting Minutes

### Report on In-Camera Meeting from February 24, 2026

*The Board discussed personnel issues, properties/facilities, and business items.*

### Recognition, Presentations and Delegations

### 10-Minute Comment Period for Rightsholders and Partners

The purpose of the comment period is to provide an opportunity for brief input on any of the meeting's agenda items that the Board will be considering.

### Strategic Plan Update (Attachment)

- Presentation by Nick Bond, West Boundary Elementary School Principal.

### Business Items

#### 1. Committee Reports

#### EDUCATION

Nil

#### FINANCE

- Expenditure Report to March 31, 2026 (Attachment)
- Preliminary Funding Announcement for Operating Grant 2026/27 (Attachment)

#### OPERATIONS

- Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51-01 and 2026/27 Annual Programs Funding Agreement for School District No.51 (Attachment)

**MOTION:**      **“That the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) approve having all**

three readings of the Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51- 01 in this one meeting.”

MOTION: “That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51- 01 be given first reading.”

MOTION: “That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51- 01 be given second reading.”

MOTION: “That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51- 01, be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.”

MOTION: “That 2026/27 Annual Program Funding Agreement for School District No.51 (Boundary) is approved by the Board.”

#### **POLICY**

- Election Bylaw No. 2026 (Attachment)

MOTION: “That the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) approve having all three readings of the Election Bylaw No. 2026 in this one meeting.”

MOTION: “That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Election Bylaw No. 2026 be given first reading.”

MOTION: “That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Election Bylaw No. 2026 be given second reading.”

MOTION: “That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Election Bylaw No. 2026 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.”

## **2. Board Chair Report**

### **3. Senior Management Reports**

- Superintendent Report (Attachment)
  - School Upcoming Events (Attachment)
- Secretary Treasurer Report

### **4. Trustee Reports**

- BCSTA Provincial Council
- Rec Commission
- BISM
- BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch
- BCSTA AGM Reports (Attachment)
- BCPSEA
- OLRC
- Rural & Remote (Attachment)
- PAC Highlights (Attachment)

## **5. Around the Boundary**

### **Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events**

- BCSS Grad – June 6, 2026 at 11am

- GFSS Grad – June 13, 2026 at 2pm
- WDC Grad – June 18, 2026 at 5pm

### **Future Agenda Items**

**Next Board Meeting:**                   **May 26, 2026**  
   **6:00 p.m.**  
   **School Board Office, Grand Forks, BC**

### **Adjournment**

#### **15-MINUTE QUESTION PERIOD**

The purpose of this portion of the Agenda is to provide the opportunity to members of the public, press, radio and staff to ask questions or request clarification on items placed on this evening's Regular Meeting Agenda. While the Board believes that communication with the public is extremely important, the regular Board is not the appropriate setting for general discussion, or comment by residents. Matters currently under negotiation or litigation or related to personnel or specific students will not be permitted. Public with general comments or questions are encouraged to contact the Chair or Superintendent individually.

One question will be taken from each person, after which, time permitting, each person may present a second question. Speakers must identify themselves before speaking. All questions will be directed to the Chair, who may refer the question to the Superintendent or Secretary Treasurer. The Chair may restrict the length of time any one individual may speak. The response to a question will be made during the meeting, when possible, or deferred until a later date when information becomes available. Individuals addressing the Board assume personal responsibility for all statements made to the Board. The Chair will use judgment to stop any inappropriate questions that would be better discussed in a different forum. The Chair may use discretion to terminate any speaker's privilege or exclude a speaker from the meeting if, after due warning, the speaker persists with conduct or remarks which the Chair considers inappropriate.

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

Open Meeting of the Board of Education  
February 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

## Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present:	S. Hall	Chair
	Rose Zitko	Vice Chair
	B. Bird	Trustee
	J. Massey	Trustee
	L. Van Marck	Trustee
	K. Jepsen	Trustee
	M. Danyluk	Trustee
	A. Lautard	Superintendent
	M. Burdock	Secretary-Treasurer
	I. Zare	Secretary-Treasurer

Absent:

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

### Adoption of Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: "That the Agenda for February 24, 2026, be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

### Adoption of Minutes

MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: "That the January 27, 2026, Regular Board Meeting minutes be adopted as circulated."

CARRIED

### Recognition, Presentations and Delegations

Nil

### 10-Minutes Comment Period for Rightsholders and Partners

BDTA President, Janine Fraser, commented on the data from EDI that shows learning deficits, mental health concerns and attendance issues.

### Strategic Plan Update

- Diana Marcoux, Indigenous Culture and Student Success Facilitator & Kirsten Rezansoff, District Vice Principal: "Perley Circle of Courage". The program provides a pathway to guide youth toward success, using the concept of a "Circle" as a lifelong guide that supports students as they grow. It was launched

with students this year and includes a weekly learning theme, with one to two classroom lessons per week lasting approximately 30 minutes each. Initiative is built around three core rules: Take care of yourself, take care of others, take care of our school.

- Superintendent Lautard introduced BCSS Student Trustees, who provided the following update:
  - BCSS: Grad hoodies, Grad filling out scholarships, Valentine’s fundraiser, any leftovers were donated to Senior Manor, Senior Class working on yearbook, Ski Trip being scheduled, activity list being created, Musical theater practicing songs, Girls’ basketball compete in Zone finals. Boys completed compete Zones finals last week.
- Trustee Jepsen asked about Strong Start Program support. When someone is sick and program closes, is there way to keep it running. No funding is available to be able to support this.

### Business Items

- **Committee Reports**

#### EDUCATION

- Data Discussion, Kindergarten Screening
  - Superintendent Lautard introduced a new assessment tool for early literacy that is being developed. The intention is to conduct early literacy assessments to help with students’ development. Data has found developmental challenges from the effects of Covid. Trustee Zitko asked if SD51 would be interested in participating with the pilot project.

#### FINANCE

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented the Expenditure Report to January 31, 2026.
- 2025/2026 Transfer to Local Capital – Reserved Budget \$275,000 Ending Balance \$510,192.

#### MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: “That the Board approve an increase in the transfer from operating to Local Capital in the 2025/26 Amended Annual Budget from \$215,000 to \$425,000 to fund planned expenditures.”

CARRIED

- 2025/2026 Amended Annual Budget (Attachment)

#### MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: “That the Board unanimously agrees to give the 2025/26 Amended Annual Budget Bylaw all three readings at this meeting of February 24, 2026.”

CARRIED

#### MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: “A Bylaw of The Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) (called the "Board") to adopt the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026 pursuant to section 113 of the *School Act*, R.S.B.C., 1996, c. 412 as amended from time to time (called the "Act").

1. The Board has complied with the provisions of the Act, Ministerial Orders, and Ministry of Education and Child Care Policies respecting the Amended Annual Budget adopted by this bylaw.
2. This bylaw may be cited as School District No. 51\_(Boundary) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/2026.
3. The attached “Statement 2” showing the estimated revenues and the estimated expenditures for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and the total budget bylaw amount of \$27,229,679 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year was prepared in accordance with the Act.
4. Statement 2, Statement 4 and Schedules 1 to 4 are adopted as the Amended Annual Budget of the Board for the fiscal year 2025/2026.”

CARRIED

MOVED/SECONDED

Motion: “That the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) approve the Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for 2025/2026 fiscal year, as read a first, second and third time, passed and adopted the 24th day of February 2026.”

CARRIED

- **Enrolment Projections, September 2026 to September 2028**
  - Preliminary Projections based on September 2026. Projected 1,226.750 FTE’s.

**OPERATIONS**

Nil

**POLICY**

Nil

- **BCPSEA AGM – Resolution, Budget, and Audited Financial Statements**
  - Budget was projected and passed. Had motions on the table: revising the timing of the AGM, timing for the language around term, housekeeping changes, recognizing the name change for North Okanagan to native name, conflict of interest with Common Law, Elections were conducted.
- **Board Chair Report**
  - Board Chair Hall provided a verbal update of her recent call with BCSTA, outlining:
    - Thanks for support with regards to Tumbler Ridge.
    - Schools are safe space for many students. Safety planning is key to keeping students safe. Minimal to 2 drills per year.
    - Minister Letter distributed regarding Tumbler Ridge incident.
    - Spending is limited and budgets will be a big focus to ensure no over-expenditure.
    - Thank you to Secretary Treasurer Miranda Burdock for her great service and best wishes on next role.
- **Senior Management Reports**
  - Superintendent Lautard presented her report and provided further comments on:
    - Children and Youth with Support Needs will be expanding and strengthening services for children with support needs. New program: Income tested, a family income falls within eligible parameters. Bringing community-based support to school grounds.

Children receive support where they already are, including on school grounds.

- Secretary Treasurer Burdock presented her report on:
  - Amended Budget 2025/2026, February 1701 Student Data Collection, SD51 Annual Budget 2026/2027, BC Budget 2026, Professional Development/Meetings, Operations, and Technology.
  - Burdock gave a big thank you for all her growth and development and thanked the Trustees for their trust and support throughout her position with SD51.

- **Trustee Reports**

- BCSTA Provincial Council – Trustee Massey reported out
- Recreation Commission – Trustee Bird reported out
- Boundary Integrated Services Model – Trustee Van Marck reported out
- BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch – Trustee Massey reported out
- BCPSEA – Nothing to report
- Okanagan Labour Relations Council – Nothing to report
- Rural and Remote – Trustee Van Marck reported out
- PAC Highlights
  - Trustee Danyluk, Jepsen, and Van Marck provided written reports

- **Around the Boundary**

**Trustee Activities and Upcoming Events**

- Special Regular Meeting
- BCSTA AGM – April 9-11, 2026
- Finance Committee – April 14, 2026

**Future Agenda Items**

Next Board Meeting: April 21, 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
West Boundary Elementary, Rock Creek, B.C

**Question Period**

Questions from the audience included: StrongStart being cancelled with minimal notice, more resources needed to help parents deal with school trauma, new autism funding delivery, and safety protocols at School Board Office

**Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer

# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

Open Meeting of the Board of Education

March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

## Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Present:	S. Hall	Chair
	Rose Zitko	Vice Chair
	K. Jepsen	Trustee
	I. Zare	Secretary-Treasurer
	V. Kintzinger	Acting Superintendent
	M. Danyluk	Trustee

Absent:	B. Bird	Trustee
	J. Massey	Trustee
	L. Van Marck	Trustee
	A. Lautard	Superintendent

Acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples and ancestors.

### Adoption of Agenda

Chair discussed change required to the agenda which included moving topic of the Election Bylaw No. 2026 into the April 21, 2026 meeting. Acting Superintendent Kintzinger discussed that the document was only in the preliminary stages due to the transition in staff. This document still needed some editing to be completed and then consultation with City of Grand Forks and Regional District with final document for Board review after vetting through Harris and Co.

MOVED/SECONDED

["That the Election Bylaw No.2026 be moved into April 21 meeting."](#)

CARRIED

### Adoption of the Agenda

MOVED/SECONDED

["That the Agenda for March 17, 2026, be adopted as circulated."](#)

CARRIED

### Business Items

#### 1. Committee Reports

##### OPERATIONS

Nil

**POLICY**

Nil

**2. Senior Management Reports**

- Superintendent Report:
  - School Calendar 2026/2027 – Acting Superintendent, Kintzinger, stated that this calendar was out for consultation and meets the requirements. Trustee, Jepsen, asked if any adjustments were needed as per discussion around calendar during meeting on Feb 24, 2026. Kintzinger stated that she verified the dates and bell times with one minor adjustment needed in Elementary Schools that will have bell schedules adjusted to meet the instructional hours requirement.

MOVED/SECONDED

“That the Board approve the 2026/27 School Calendar as presented.”

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer

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## Strategic Plan Update April 2026

### Student Trustees Reports

- Grand Forks Secondary School (GFSS):
  - Alex O’Dell, Ava More and Emma Irwin
- Boundary Central Secondary School (BCSS):
  - Elizabeth Tsigonias and Kaela Colin

### Strategic Priorities 2025/2026

- Priority One: Students have strong foundational skills and competencies
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy
  - Core and curricular competencies
- Priority Two: Students have developed a sense of identity, resilience, belonging, wellness and are centred in their learning
  - Social emotional learning
  - Student agency (voice and choice)
  - Community connection
- Priority Three: Systemic transformation to eliminate barriers to equity
  - Truth and Reconciliation
  - Inclusive practices/increased representation for diversity
  - Radical listening experiences with priority students and families
  - Action for priority students

### Data

#### Foundation Skills Assessment 2025 2026

Below is the data from the 2025/26 Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA), which took place in the fall of this school year. The FSA is an annual province-wide assessment of Literacy and Numeracy skills for students in grades 4 and 7. It provides parents, caregivers, teachers, schools, school districts and the Ministry of Education and Child Care with important information on how well students are progressing in the foundation skills of literacy and numeracy.

### Grade 4 Participation

School Year	District Literacy	Province Literacy	District Numeracy	Province Numeracy
2020/2021	60.9%	63.7%	63.3%	57.6%
2021/2022	93.9%	70.2%	93.9%	70%
2022/2023	95.8%	71.9%	95.8%	71.9%
2023/2024	84.5%	77.9%	85.4%	77.9%
2024/2025	94.8%	84.2%	93.8%	84.2%
2025/2026	92.9%	unavailable	92.9%	unavailable

### Grade 7 Participation Rate

School Year	District	Province	District	Province
2020/2021	68.4%	60.5%	69.4%	60.3%
2021/2022	93.4%	68.8%	94.5%	68.6%
2022/2023	96.5%	69.8%	93.9%	69.4%
2023/2024	87.3%	76.9%	88.2%	76.9
2024/2025	96.2%	84.3%	96.2%	84.1%
2025/2026	91.2%	unavailable	91.2%	unavailable

Grade 4 Literacy

School Year	Emerging	On-Track	Extending
2020/2021	41.1%%	53.6%	5.4%
2021/2022	29.0%	65.6%	5.4%
2022/2023	26.1%	65.2%	8.7%
2023/2024	32.2%	63.2%	4.6%
2024/2025	38.0%	57.6%	4.3%
2025/2026	37.4%	56.0%	6.6%

Grade 7 Literacy

School Year	Emerging	On-Track	Extending
2020/2021	17.9%	82.1%	0.0%
2021/2022	16.5%	76.5%	7.1%
2022/2023	32.7%	64.5%	2.7%
2023/2024	22.5%	71.9%	5.6%
2024/2025	33.0%	64.0%	3.0%
2025/2026	20.4%	76.3%	3.2%

### Grade 4 Numeracy

School Year	Emerging	On-Track	Extending
2020/2021	37.7%	60.4%	1.9%
2021/2022	39.8%	54.8%	5.4%
2022/2023	44.6%	55.4%	0.0%
2023/2024	35.2%	60.2%	4.5%
2024/2025	31.9%	67.0%	1.1%
2025/2026	31.9%	62.6%	5.5%

### Grade 7 Numeracy

School Year	Emerging	On-Track	Extending
2020/2021	38.2%	60.3%	1.5%
2021/2022	41.9%	48.8%	9.3%
2022/2023	44.9%	47.7%	7.5%
2023/2024	46.7%	48.9%	4.4%
2024/2025	50.0%	43.0%	7.0%
2025/2026	33.3%	54.8%	11.8%

District Reading Assessments versus FSA Literacy Results

Rate	Emerging		On-track		Extending	
	District	FSA	District	FSA	District	FSA
Literacy						
Grade 4	14%	37.4%	77%	56.0%	9%	6.6%
Grade 7	24%	20.4%	52%	76.3%	24%	3.2%

**Priority Learners (PLs)**

Grade 4 Indigenous Learners: Literacy

School Year	Emerging		On-Track		Extending	
	PLs	SD 51	PLs	SD 51	PLs	SD51
2020/2021	50.0%	41.1%	50.0%	53.6%	0.0%	5.4%
2021/2022	25.0%	29.0%	70.8%	65.6%	4.2%	5.4%
2022/2023	17.9%	26.1%	71.4%	65.2%	10.7%	8.7%
2023/2024	38.5%	32.2%	57.7%	63.2%	3.8%	4.6%
2024/2025	48.3%	38.0%	48.3%	57.6%	3.4%	4.3%
2025/2026	35.5%	37.4%	58.1%	56.0%	6.5%	6.6%

Grade 4 Indigenous Learners: Numeracy

School Year	Emerging		On-Track		Extending	
	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51
2020/2021	53.8%	37.7%	46.2%	60.4%	0.0%	1.9%
2021/2022	58.3%	39.8%	37.5%	54.8%	4.2%	5.4%
2022/2023	42.9%	44.6%	57.1%	55.4%	0.0%	0.0%
2023/2024	42.3%	35.2%	50.0%	60.2%	7.7%	4.5%
2024/2025	42.9%	31.9%	57.1%	67%	0.0%	1.1%
2025/2026	38.7%	31.9%	58.1%	62.6%	3.2%	5.5%

Grade 7 Indigenous Learners: Literacy

School Year	Emerging		On-Track		Extending	
	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51
2020/2021	38.5%	17.9%	61.5%	82.1%	0.0%	0.0%
2021/2022	7.1%	16.50%	85.7%	76.5%	7.1%	7.1%
2022/2023	34.2%	32.7%	63.2%	64.5%	2.6%	2.7%
2023/2024	18.8%	22.5%	78.1%	71.9%	3.1%	5.6%
2024/2025	37.5%	33.0%	62.5%	64.0%	0.0%	3.0%
2025/2026	32.1%	20.4%	67.9%	76.3%	0.0%	3.2%

Grade 7 Indigenous Learners: Numeracy

School Year	Emerging		On-Track		Extending	
	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51
2020/2021	38.5%	38.2%	61.5%	60.3%	0.0%	1.5%
2021/2022	55.2%	41.9%	34.5%	48.8%	10.3%	9.3%
2022/2023	48.6%	44.9%	48.6%	47.7%	2.7%	7.5%
2023/2024	46.9%	46.7%	46.9%	48.9%	6.3%	4.4%
2024/2025	71.9%	50.0%	28.1%	43.0%	0.0%	7.0%
2025/2026	39.3%	33.3%	50.0%	54.8%	10.7%	11.8%

Grade 4 Learners with designations: Literacy

School Year	Emerging		On-Track		Extending	
	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51
2020/2021	60.0%	41.1%	40.0%	53.6%	0.0%	5.4%
2021/2022	69.2%	29.0%	30.8%	65.6%	0.0%	5.4%
2022/2023	36.4%	26.1%	63.6%	65.2%	0.0%	8.7%
2023/2024	30.0%	32.2%	60.0%	63.2%	10.0%	4.6%
2024/2025	37.5%	38.0%	50.0%	57.6%	12.5%	4.3%
2025/2026	50.5%	37.4%	50.0%	56.0%	0.0%	6.6%

Grade 4 Learners with designations: Numeracy

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	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51
2020/2021	66.7%	41.1%	33.3%	53.6%	0.0%	5.4%
2021/2022	76.9%	29.0%	23.1%	65.6%	0.0%	5.4%
2022/2023	63.6%	26.1%	36.4%	65.2%	0.0%	8.7%
2023/2024	60.0%	32.2%	40.0%	63.2%	0.0%	4.6%
2024/2025	75.0%	31.9%	25.0%	67.0%	0.0%	1.1%
2025/2026	41.7%	31.9%	58.3%	62.6%	0.0%	5.5%

Grade 7 Learners with designations: Literacy

School Year	Emerging		On-Track		Extending	
	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51	PLs	SD51
2020/2021	16.7%	17.9%	83.3%	82.1%	0.0%	0.0%
2021/2022	15.4%	16.50%	84.6%	76.5%	0.0%	7.1%
2022/2023	55.6%	32.7%	38.9%	64.5%	5.6%	2.7%
2023/2024	60.0%	22.5%	40.0%	71.9%	0.0%	5.6%
2024/25	61.5%	33.0%	38.5%	64.0%	0.0%	3.0%
2025/2026	46.2%	20.4%	53.8%	76.3%	0.0%	3.2%

Grade 7 Learners with designations: Numeracy

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2021/2022	69.2%	16.50%	30.8%	76.5%	0.0%	7.1%
2022/2023	64.7%	32.7%	35.3%	64.5%	0.0%	2.7%
2023/2024	66.7%	22.5%	33.3%	71.9%	0.0%	5.6%
2024/2025	69.2%	50.0%	30.8%	43.0%	0.0%	7.0%
2025/2026	76.9%	33.3%	23.1%	54.8%	0.0%	11.8%



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# Board Report

Date: April 14, 2026  
To: Finance and Operations Committee  
From: Iman Zare, Secretary-Treasurer  
Subject: Expenditure Report – As of March 31<sup>st</sup>

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## **Background:**

This report provides an update on expenditures incurred as of March 31 for the 2025–2026 school year.

## **Introduction:**

The monthly expenditure report has been regularly provided to the Board to enhance transparency and provide greater visibility into ongoing costs.

## **Information**

The table below provides an overview of year-to-date expenditures as of March 31, along with a comparison to the amended budget and the prior year's actual costs for the same period:

Expense	2025-26 - Amended Budget	YTD March - 2026 Costs	Balance	Spent %	YTD March 2025 Costs
Teachers	\$7,240,773	\$5,066,832	\$2,173,941	70%	\$5,097,315
Principals and Vice Principals	\$1,493,529	\$1,109,093	\$384,436	74%	\$1,131,220
Educational Assistants	\$1,498,010	\$1,004,310	\$493,700	67%	\$1,054,826
Support Staff	\$2,793,866	\$1,876,565	\$917,301	67%	\$2,052,860
Other Professionals	\$988,913	\$715,558	\$273,355	72%	\$651,841
Substitutes	\$837,834	\$501,736	\$336,098	60%	\$682,415
Benefits	\$3,874,068	\$2,486,466	\$1,387,602	64%	\$2,540,441
<b>Total Salaries and Benefits</b>	<b>\$18,726,993</b>	<b>\$12,760,559</b>	<b>\$5,966,434</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>\$13,210,919</b>
Services	\$829,980	\$549,411	\$280,569	66%	\$558,269
Student Transportation	\$133,545	\$63,529	\$70,016	48%	\$97,155
Professional Development & Travel	\$237,817	\$108,241	\$129,576	46%	\$124,543
Dues And Fees	\$44,210	\$33,945	\$10,265	77%	\$38,863
Rentals and leases	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	\$13,970
Insurance	\$73,705	\$65,144	\$8,561	88%	\$69,212
Supplies	\$888,943	\$423,505	\$465,438	48%	\$479,341
Utilities	\$515,000	\$360,699	\$154,301	70%	\$380,091
Furn. & Equipment Replacement	\$0	\$42,727	(\$42,727)	NA	\$9,775
Computer Equipment Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	\$8,315
<b>Total Services and Supplies</b>	<b>\$2,723,200</b>	<b>\$1,647,201</b>	<b>\$1,075,999</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>\$1,779,534</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$21,450,193</b>	<b>\$14,407,760</b>	<b>\$7,042,433</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>\$14,990,452</b>

The table presents expenditures in a format consistent with Ministry reporting and year-end financial statements. This approach supports improved monitoring of expenditures against the Board-approved budget. The detailed format previously presented at Board meetings has been included in Appendix A for reference.

#### Considerations

Teachers' salaries for March have been processed in accordance with the new collective agreement. Retroactive adjustments for the period from July 2025 to February 2026 are expected to be processed by the end of May. Separate labour settlement funding from the Ministry is anticipated to offset these additional costs.

The retrospective payments for other staff members will be processed once the collective agreements are finalized and the relevant Ministry announcements are received.

Overall, expenditures are in line with the budget, with a slight overall decrease primarily due to lower substitute costs.

#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Finance and Operations Committee receive this information.

## Appendix A – Detailed (Old) Format

Code	Title	March	Year to Date	Full Year Budget	Available	Percentage	Year to Date - Last Year
10	Principal & Vice Principal Sal	\$121,289	\$1,109,093	\$1,493,529	\$384,436	74.3%	\$1,131,220
11	Teacher Salaries	\$726,065	\$4,899,869	\$7,007,236	\$2,107,367	69.9%	\$4,921,574
12	Non-Teachers Salaries	\$218,443	\$3,035,375	\$4,525,425	\$1,490,050	67.1%	\$3,270,965
13	Management Salaries	\$111,177	\$641,736	\$883,076	\$241,340	72.7%	\$579,344
14	Substitute Salaries	\$42,164	\$507,256	\$837,834	\$330,578	60.5%	\$685,503
19	Trustees Indemnity	\$8,820	\$80,763	\$105,837	\$25,074	76.3%	\$81,872
21	Statutory Benefits	\$135,064	\$903,500	\$1,483,098	\$579,598	60.9%	\$921,220
22	Pension Plans	\$122,387	\$986,269	\$1,522,904	\$536,635	64.8%	\$1,017,654
23	Medical And Life Benefits	-\$23,585	\$596,697	\$868,054	\$271,357	68.7%	\$601,567
31	Services	\$88,083	\$549,411	\$876,231	\$326,820	62.7%	\$558,269
33	Student Transportation	\$4,616	\$63,529	\$133,545	\$70,016	47.6%	\$97,155
34	Trainin and Travel	\$15,758	\$108,241	\$237,817	\$129,576	45.5%	\$124,543
36	Rentals And Leases	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	NA	\$13,970
37	Dues And Fees	\$2,710	\$33,945	\$44,210	\$10,265	76.8%	\$38,863
39	Insurance	\$0	\$65,144	\$73,705	\$8,561	88.4%	\$69,212
51	Supplies	\$64,694	\$401,160	\$751,480	\$350,320	53.4%	\$460,237
52	Learning Resources	\$1,761	\$14,791	\$37,741	\$22,950	39.2%	\$13,674
53	Library Books	\$820	\$7,554	\$18,471	\$10,917	40.9%	\$5,430
54	Electricity	\$44,933	\$223,861	\$300,000	\$76,139	74.6%	\$216,745
55	Heat	\$19,921	\$96,119	\$150,000	\$53,881	64.1%	\$118,076
56	Water And Sewage	\$4,736	\$18,816	\$30,000	\$11,184	62.7%	\$16,446
57	Garbage And Recycling	\$6,334	\$21,903	\$35,000	\$13,097	62.6%	\$28,824
58	Furn. & Equipment Replacement	\$5,426	\$42,727	\$22,500	-\$20,227	189.9%	\$9,775
59	Computer Equipment Replacement	\$0	\$0	\$12,500	\$12,500	0.0%	\$8,315
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,721,615</b>	<b>\$14,407,760</b>	<b>\$21,450,193</b>	<b>\$7,042,433</b>	<b>67.2%</b>	<b>\$14,990,452</b>



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# Board Report

Date: April 14, 2026  
To: Board of Education  
From: Iman Zare, Secretary-Treasurer  
Subject: 2026/2027 Funding Announcement

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## **Background:**

On March 11, 2026, the Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC) announced the preliminary operating grant allocation for school districts for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. This allocation is based on district enrolment projections submitted in February 2026.

## **Information**

The provincial operating grant block is projected to decrease by \$25.9 million to \$7.242 billion in 2026/27, primarily due to anticipated enrolment declines across most districts. There are no changes to the operating grant rates or funding formulae for 2026/27, and per-student funding rates remain consistent with 2025/26. A summary of the Ministry's allocations is provided below.

<b>73%</b> allocated through the Basic Allocation	<b>Basic Allocation</b> Common per student amount for every FTE student enrolled by school type.	
	<b>Standard School</b>	\$9,015 per school age FTE
	<b>Alternate School</b>	\$9,015 per school age FTE
	<b>Continuing Education</b>	\$9,015 per school age FTE
	<b>Online Learning</b>	\$7,280 per school age FTE
<b>19%</b> allocated to recognize unique student enrolment	<b>Unique Student</b> Additional per student funding to address uniqueness of district enrolment and support additional programming. Includes Equity of Opportunity Supplement for children and youth in care and students with mental health challenges.	
	<b>Level 1 Inclusive Education</b>	\$51,300 per student
	<b>Level 2 Inclusive Education</b>	\$24,340 per student
	<b>Level 3 Inclusive Education</b>	\$12,300 per student
	<b>English/French Language Learning</b>	\$1,815 per student
	<b>Indigenous Education</b>	\$1,790 per student
	<b>Adult Education</b>	\$5,755 per FTE
<b>7%</b> allocated to recognize unique district factors	<b>Unique District</b> Additional funding to address uniqueness of district factors.	
	<b>Small Community</b>	For small schools located a distance away from the next nearest school
	<b>Low Enrolment</b>	For districts with low total enrolment
	<b>Rural Factor</b>	Located some distance from Vancouver and the nearest large regional population centre
	<b>Climate Factor</b>	Operate schools in colder/warmer climates; additional heating or cooling requirements
	<b>Sparseness Factor</b>	Operate schools that are spread over a wide geographic area
	<b>Student Location Factor</b>	Based on population density of school communities
	<b>Supplemental Student Location Factor</b>	Level 1 and 2 inclusive education enrolment
<b>0.4%</b> allocated to buffer the effects of declining enrolment	<b>Funding Protection / Enrolment Decline</b>	
	<b>Funding Protection</b>	Funding to ensure that no district experiences a decline in operating grants greater than 1.5% when compared to the previous September
	<b>Enrolment Decline</b>	Funding to districts experiencing enrolment decline of at least 1% when compared to the previous year

School districts are projecting enrolment of 581,007 school-age FTE in September 2026, representing a decrease of 5,727 FTE (1.0%) compared to September 2025. A total of 51 districts anticipate a decline in enrolment for September 2026. Additional details on funding formulas, allocation tables, and supporting Ministry materials are included in Appendix A.

The Ministry's recent funding announcement results in a net negative impact of approximately \$388K to the District's funding compared to the 2025/2026 Amended Budget. The District also anticipates receiving additional funding from the Ministry to offset labour settlement costs for wage increases once collective agreement negotiations are finalized. The table below summarizes the changes, with a more detailed analysis provided in a separate memo regarding the 2026/27 budget.

	Rate	2025-26 - Amended	2026-27 - Preliminary	Variance FTE	Change in Funding
Regular K-12	\$9,015	1,240.4	1,207.8	-32.6	(\$294,114)
Alternate Schools	\$9,015	20.0	25.0	5.0	\$45,075
<b>Total School Age</b>		<b>1,260.4</b>	<b>1,232.8</b>	<b>-27.6</b>	<b>(\$249,039)</b>
Level 2 Diverse Abilities	\$24,340	103.0	98.0	-5.0	(\$121,700)
Level 3 Diverse Abilities	\$12,300	14.0	13.0	-1.0	(\$12,300)
Indigenous Education	\$1,790	359.0	338.0	-21.0	(\$37,590)
Adult Education	\$5,755	1.9	0.0	-1.9	(\$10,791)
Equity of Opportunity					(\$5,256)
<b>Total - Unique Student Needs</b>		<b>477.9</b>	<b>449.0</b>	<b>-28.9</b>	<b>(\$187,637)</b>
Salary Differential					(\$8,371)
Unique Geographic Factors					\$58,667
Funding Protection					\$38,267
Supplement for Enrolment Decline					\$30,813
Indigenous Education Council					(\$70,358)
Curriculum and Learning Support Fund					(\$189)
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,738.3</b>	<b>1,681.8</b>	<b>-56.5</b>	<b>(\$387,847)</b>

The detailed Ministry funding allocation table for School District No. 51 is included in Appendix B for reference.

#### Special Purpose Grants

In addition to the operating grant block, the Ministry has announced funding for the following special purpose grants:

Funding Name	2025/2026	2026/2027	Variance
Classroom Enhancement	\$1,593,505	\$1,522,694	-\$70,811
Learning Improvement - SupportStaff	\$72,269	\$72,310	\$41
Community-LINK	\$172,818	\$172,818	\$0
Pay Equity	\$105,245	\$105,245	\$0
Student Transportation	\$153,588	\$153,588	\$0
Feeding Futures	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,447,425</b>	<b>\$2,376,655</b>	<b>-\$70,770</b>

The Classroom Enhancement Fund allocation is preliminary and subject to change upon submission of funding requests to the Ministry later in the year.

#### Recommendation:

THAT the Board of Education receive this information.

## **Appendix A – Ministry Funding Memos and Supporting Materials**

Operating Grant Manual

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/26-27/26-27-operating-grants-manual-march-2026.pdf>

Summary of 2026/2027 Preliminary Grant Announcement

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/26-27/26-27-summary-of-operating-grant-announcement-march-2026.pdf>

Overview of the 2026/27 Operating Grant Allocation Formula

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/26-27/26-27-overview-march-2026.pdf>

Summary of Grants to Date 2026/27

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/26-27/26-27-summary-of-grants-march-2026.pdf>

Operating Grant Tables

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/26-27/26-27-operating-grant-tables-march-2026.pdf>

## Appendix B – SD51 Funding Announcement

Estimated Operating Grants Overview - 2026/27 School Year

School District 51 (Boundary)

September 2026 Enrolment Count				
	School-Age Enrolment	Funding Level	Funding	Total Supplement
Standard (Regular) Schools	1,207,7500	\$9,015	\$10,887,866	
Continuing Education	0.0000	\$9,015	\$0	
Alternate Schools	25.0000	\$9,015	\$225,375	
Online Learning	0.0000	\$7,280	\$0	
Home Schooling	17	\$250	\$4,250	
Course Challenges	0	\$282	\$0	
<b>Total Enrolment-Based Funding (September)</b>	<b>1,232.7500</b>			<b>\$11,117,491</b>
	<b>Total Enrol. Change</b>	<b>Funding Level</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Total Supplement</b>
1% to 4% Enrolment Decline	-27.6250	\$4,508	\$67,716	
4%+ Enrolment Decline		\$6,761	\$0	
Significant Cumulative Decline (7%+)	-51.2500	\$4,508	\$0	
<b>Supplement for Enrolment Decline</b>				<b>\$67,716</b>
	<b>Enrolment</b>	<b>Funding Level</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Total Supplement</b>
Level 1 Inclusive Education	1	\$51,300	\$51,300	
Level 2 Inclusive Education	98	\$24,340	\$2,385,320	
Level 3 Inclusive Education	13	\$12,300	\$159,900	
English Language Learning	49	\$1,815	\$88,935	
Indigenous Education	338	\$1,790	\$605,020	
Adult Education	0.0000	\$5,755	\$0	
Equity of Opportunity Supplement			\$74,610	
<b>Supplement for Unique Student Needs</b>				<b>\$3,365,085</b>
		<b>Funding</b>		
Variance from Provincial Average	\$1,861			
Estimated Number of Educators	68.486		\$127,452	
	<b>Enrolment</b>	<b>Funding Level</b>	<b>Funding</b>	<b>Total Supplement</b>
FTE Distribution	1,232.7500	\$180.33	\$222,302	
<b>Supplement for Salary Differential</b>				<b>\$349,754</b>
<b>Supplement for Unique Geographic Factors</b>				<b>\$5,897,753</b>
<b>Funding Protection</b>				<b>\$38,267</b>
<b>Curriculum and Learning Support Fund</b>				<b>\$11,343</b>
<b>September 2026 Enrolment Count, Total</b>				<b>\$20,847,409</b>

July 2026 Enrolment Count				
	Enrolment	Funding Level	Funding	Total Supplement
Summer Learning Grade 1-7	0	\$260	\$0	
Summer Learning Grade 8-9	0	\$260	\$0	
Summer Learning Grade 10-12	0	\$510	\$0	
Supplemental Summer Learning Funding			\$0	
Cross-Enrolment, Grade 8 and 9	0	\$510	\$0	
<b>Summer Learning, Total</b>				<b>\$0</b>
February 2027 Enrolment Count				
	Enrolment	Funding Level	Funding	Total Supplement
School-Age FTE - Continuing Education	0.0000	\$9,015	\$0	
Adult FTE - Continuing Education	0.0000	\$5,755	\$0	
K-Gr 9 School-Age FTE - Online Learning	0.0000	\$3,640	\$0	
Gr 10-12 School-Age FTE - Online Learning	0.0000	\$7,280	\$0	
Adult FTE - Online Learning	0.0000	\$5,755	\$0	
Level 1 Inclusive Education Enrolment Growth	0	\$25,650	\$0	
Level 2 Inclusive Education Enrolment Growth	0	\$12,170	\$0	
Level 3 Inclusive Education Enrolment Growth	0	\$6,150	\$0	
Newcomer Refugees	0.0000	\$4,508	\$0	
ELL Supplement - Newcomer Refugees	0	\$908	\$0	
<b>February 2027 Enrolment Count, Total</b>				<b>\$0</b>
May 2027 Enrolment Count				
	Enrolment	Funding Level	Funding	Total Supplement
School-Age FTE - Continuing Education	0.0000	\$9,015	\$0	
Adult FTE - Continuing Education	0.0000	\$5,755	\$0	
K-Gr 9 School-Age FTE - Online Learning	0.0000	\$2,427	\$0	
Gr 10-12 School-Age FTE - Online Learning	0.0000	\$7,280	\$0	
Adult FTE - Online Learning	0.0000	\$5,755	\$0	
<b>May 2027 Enrolment Count, Total</b>				<b>\$0</b>
<b>Indigenous Education Councils</b>				<b>\$42,303</b>
<b>2026/27 Full-Year Estimated Total</b>				<b>\$20,889,712</b>
Estimated 2026/27 Operating Grant from Indigenous Services Canada				\$0
Estimated 2026/27 Operating Grant from Ministry of Education and Child Care				\$20,889,712

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/resource-management/k12funding/26-27/26-27-sd51-march-2026.pdf>



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## Memorandum

Date: April 21, 2026  
To: Board  
From: Iman Zare, Secretary Treasurer  
Subject: Capital Plan Bylaw No 2026/27 – CP51-01 and 2026/27 Annual Program Funding Agreement for School District No.51 (Boundary)

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

Each year, the Board prepares and submits an Annual Five-Year Capital Plan to the Ministry of Infrastructure. This plan includes requests for funding for minor capital projects and, where applicable, major capital projects.

The Ministry issues Capital Plan Response Letters to school districts in March or April, identifying which project requests have been approved. Following this, Boards of Education are required to adopt a Capital Bylaw reflecting the approved capital plan and also an annual funding agreement.

### 2.0 INFORMATION

The table below outlines the minor capital projects that have been approved for funding and are ready to proceed to procurement.

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount funded by Ministry
Grand Forks Secondary	SEP - Roofing Upgrades	\$750,000
Grand Forks Secondary	SEP - Plumbing Upgrades	\$300,000
Boundary Central Secondary, West Boundary Elementary	CNCP - HVAC Upgrades	\$250,000

These projects will now advance through the design, tendering, and construction phases, with a targeted completion date of March 31, 2027.

Two documents require Board approval:

1. **Capital Bylaw**

In accordance with Section 143 of the School Act, Boards of Education are required to adopt a Capital Bylaw. The bylaw confirms the Board's acknowledgement of the approved projects and its responsibility to deliver them within the approved scope, schedule, and budget.

2. **Annual Program Funding Agreement (APFA)**

The Ministry has issued the APFA, which outlines the respective obligations of the Ministry and the Board in relation to the approved minor capital projects for the 2026/27 fiscal year.

**2.0 OPTIONS FOR ACTION**

- a. Recommend that the Board of Education receive Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51-01, complete first, second, and third readings, and approve the bylaw, and further approve the 2026/27 Annual Programs Funding Agreement for School District No. 51 (Boundary).
- b. Return the documents to staff for further revisions prior to approval.

**3.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT:**

- The Board of Education receive, and complete first, second and third readings of the Capital Bylaw and adopt the Capital Bylaw.
- The Board of Education approve the 2026/27 Annual Programs Funding Agreement for School District No.51.

**4.0 RELEVANT MOTION(S)**

MOTION: "That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51-01 be given first reading."

MOTION: "That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51-01 be given second reading."

MOTION: "That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51-01 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026."

MOTION: "That 2026/27 Annual Program Funding Agreement for School District No.51 (Boundary) is approved by the Board.."

#### **4.0 APPENDICES**

a) Proposed Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD51-01

b) 2026/27 Annual Programs Funding Agreement for School District No.51

# **ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUNDING AGREEMENT**

This Annual Programs Funding Agreement dated for reference the 27th day of March 2026, is in effect for the 2026/27 fiscal year period of April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027.

BETWEEN: **His Majesty the King in Right of the Province of British Columbia**,  
represented by the Minister of Infrastructure (the "Ministry")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND: **the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary)** (the "Board")

OF THE SECOND PART.

The parties agree as follows:

## **1. DEFINITIONS**

1.01 In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Agreement" means the Annual Programs Funding Agreement;

"Board" or "Board of Education" means a board of school trustees constituted under the *School Act* [RSBC 1996] c. 412 and any person designated by the Board to act with respect to a provision of this Agreement;

"Business Day" means a day, other than a Saturday or Sunday or Statutory Holiday, on which Provincial government offices are open for normal business in British Columbia;

"Capital Funding Grant" means a funding grant authorized by the Minister of Finance in accordance with section 56.1 of the *Financial Administration Act* [RSBC1996] c. 138;

"Certificate of Approval" means the Certificate of Approval described in paragraph 3.04;

"Eligible Expenditure(s)" means those expenditure(s) areas more particularly described in paragraph 3.04;

"Event of Force Majeure" means invasion, rebellion, hostilities, sabotage, government regulations or controls, acts of God, strikes, lockouts or labour disputes that are a major disabling event or circumstance in relation to the normal operations of the party concerned as a whole that is beyond the reasonable control of the party directly affected and results in a material delay, interruption or failure by such party in carrying out its duties, covenants or obligations under this Agreement;

"Minister" means the Minister of Infrastructure, and includes the respective Ministry Deputy Minister and/or any person designated by either of them to act with respect to a provision of this Agreement;

"Ministry" means the Ministry of Infrastructure of the Province of British Columbia;

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"Project" means the project(s) described in paragraph 3.01;

"Schools Protection Program" means the risk management program administered and delivered by the Risk Management Branch of the Ministry of Finance in conjunction with the Ministry, and includes the "Schools Protection Program Reference Manual" and all amendments and updates to the program and manual;

"Treasury Board" means the Treasury Board established under the *Financial Administration Act* [RSBC 1996] c. 138.

**2. SCHEDULES**

2.01 The following Schedule(s) form an integral part of this Annual Programs Funding Agreement:

- A. Communications Protocol Agreement on Minor Capital Projects between the Ministry and School Districts

**3. PROVINCIAL FUNDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS**

3.01 The Ministry will provide capital funding to the Board which is to be used for the purposes of the following Project(s):

Facility Name	Program Project Description	Amount Funded by Ministry
Grand Forks Secondary	SEP - Roofing Upgrades	\$750,000
Grand Forks Secondary	SEP - Plumbing Upgrades	\$300,000
Boundary Central Secondary, West Boundary Elementary	CNCP - HVAC Upgrades	\$250,000

3.02 The Ministry may consider, under special circumstances, providing more than the amount listed above.

3.03 The Ministry will provide the capital funding in paragraph 3.01 in the form of a Capital Funding Grant.

3.04 Payment of a Capital Funding Grant is subject to the Ministry issuing a Certificate of Approval for the Project(s) in paragraph 3.01 in accordance with Treasury Board policies and directives and to the following conditions:

- a) in no case may the Board make a draw against funds available under a Certificate of Approval, unless the draw is reimbursement for Eligible Expenditure(s) properly incurred by the Board in connection with the Project;
- b) accrued cost-savings realized from completed capital projects may not be drawn from a Certificate of Approval (see paragraph 4.01(v) for additional details);

- c) the Ministry may modify or withhold a Capital Funding Grant and applicable Certificate of Approval, or any portion thereof, in the event the Board fails to observe, perform and comply with any provision of this Agreement or if, in the opinion of the Ministry, there has been a material change in the Project;
- d) the Board will comply with all applicable policies and directives of the Treasury Board respecting Capital Funding Grants.3.05 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the payment of funds by the Ministry to the Board, pursuant to this Agreement, is subject to the provisions of the *Financial Administration Act* ("the Act"), which makes that payment obligation subject to:
  - a) there being sufficient monies available in an appropriation, as defined in the Act, to enable the Ministry, in any fiscal year or part thereof when any payment of money by the Ministry to the Board falls due pursuant to this Agreement, to make that payment;
  - b) Treasury Board, as defined in the Act, not having controlled or limited, pursuant to the Act, expenditure(s) under any appropriation referred to in this subparagraph a).

#### **4. BOARD OBLIGATIONS**

##### 4.01 The Board will:

- a) carry out the Project in a manner that ensures:
  - i) drawing against funds available under a Certificate of Approval on a regular basis throughout the fiscal year (monthly if possible) as reimbursement for Eligible Expenditure(s) as incurred by the Board;
  - ii) delivery within budget;
  - iii) completion by March 31, 2027;
  - iv) scope details are fully met upon completion;
  - v) accrued cost-savings realized from completed capital projects as approved in this Agreement are to be reported to the Ministry well in advance of the Certificate of Approval's expiration date, at which time the Ministry will determine if the surplus funds can be re-allocated or transferred into the school district's Minister-Restricted Capital account.
- b) comply with all policies and best practices related to Capital Project Procurement, as documented in the Capital Asset Management Framework and Capital Procurement Checklist published by the Ministry of Finance;
- c) procure the Project in accordance with the Capital Asset Management Framework;
- d) include in any contracts all standard insurance and indemnification clauses required by the Schools Protection Program;

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- e) ensure all communication related to the Capital Project conforms to the “Communications Protocol Agreement on Minor Capital Projects between the Ministry and School Districts” (provided as Schedule A). This protocol may be amended from time to time by the Ministry, with the most current version of the protocol being used.
- 4.02 Provide written notice to the Ministry immediately upon completion of each Project. (Note: the Ministry will follow up with school districts regarding delayed and/or incomplete projects in early January, at which time the Ministry may choose to re-allocate associated funds depending on the status of the Project).
- 4.03 At the request of the Ministry, prepare additional reports relating to the Project.
- 4.04 Notify the Ministry immediately, in writing, should any Event of Force Majeure arise that could materially affect the scope, costs or schedule of the Project.
- 4.05 Indemnify and save harmless the Province of British Columbia and its employees and agents from and against any losses, claims, damages, actions, causes of action, costs and expenses that the Province of British Columbia or any of its employees or agents may sustain, incur, suffer or be put to at any time, either before or after this agreement ends, which are based upon, arise out of or occur, directly or indirectly, by reason of, any act or omission by the Board or by any of its agents, employees, officers, directors, or contractors with respect to the Project.
- 4.06 Boards are to procure school buses using the bus standing offer process as directed by the Ministry in the 2026/27 School Bus Purchasing Letter (attached if applicable).
- 4.07 Enter into a tripartite agreement with the Ministry and BC Housing for all Building Envelope Program (BEP) projects and agree to carry out the projects in collaboration with BC Housing as defined in the tripartite agreement (if applicable).

**5. EVENT OF FORCE MAJEURE**

- 5.01 In the Event of Force Majeure:
  - a) the Board will immediately notify the Ministry, in writing, describing the Event of Force Majeure.
  - b) within five (5) Business Days of being notified of the Event of Force Majeure, the Ministry will communicate with the Board to explore what steps are to be taken to mitigate the Event of Force Majeure, determine an appropriate course of action, and establish an estimated cost related to the Event of Force Majeure.
  - c) the course of action must be agreed to by the Ministry and the Board.
  - d) either party may request the assistance of an independent cost consultant appointed by mutual agreement of the parties.

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- e) the Ministry will not approve any expenditure(s) incurred prior to the agreed course of action unless the costs were demonstrably incurred for the preservation of life and/or safety.

**6. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 6.01 Any public announcement relating to the Project will be in accordance with the “Communications Protocol Agreement on Minor Capital Projects between the Ministry and School Districts” (provided as Schedule A).

**7. NOTICE**

- 7.01 Any notice or communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement will be in writing and will be considered to have been sufficiently given if delivered by hand or electronic transmission to the physical address or electronic mail address of each party set out below:

- a) if to the Board:

School District No. 51 (Boundary)  
1021 Central Ave, Grand Forks, BC, V0H 1H0  
Attention: Iman Zare, Secretary-Treasurer  
Email: iman.zare@sd51.bc.ca

- b) if to the Ministry:

Ministry of Infrastructure  
PO Box 9192 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, BC, V8W 9E6  
Attention: Education & Child Care Capital Branch (Minor Capital Projects)  
Email: CMB@gov.bc.ca

- 7.02 Any such notice or communication will be considered to have been received:

- a) if delivered by hand during business hours (and in any event, at or before 4:00pm local time in the place of receipt) on a Business Day, upon receipt by a responsible representative of the receiver, and if not delivered during business hours, upon the commencement of business hours on the next Business Day;
- b) if sent by electronic transmission during business hours (and in any event, at or before 4:00pm local time in the place of receipt) on a Business Day, upon receipt by a responsible representative of the receiver, and if not delivered during business hours, upon the commencement of business hours on the next Business Day, provided that:
  - i) the receiving party has, by electronic transmission or by hand delivery, acknowledged to the notifying party that it has received such notice; or
  - ii) within twenty-four (24) hours after sending the notice, the notifying party has also sent a copy of such notice to the receiving party by hand delivery.

- 7.03 Delivery by mail will not be considered timely notice under this Agreement.

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7.04 In the event a contact name changes for either the Ministry or for the Board, then parties must be notified within five (5) Business Days.

**Contact Branch Director [Michael Nyikes](#) with questions regarding this Annual Programs Funding Agreement.**

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement, in duplicate, as of the day and year first above written.

SIGNED on behalf of His Majesty the King )  
in Right of the Province of British Columbia )  
by a duly authorized designate of the )  
Minister of Infrastructure )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory (For the Minister of Infrastructure)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed (Month/Day/Year)

SIGNED on behalf of **the Board** )  
**of Education of School District** )  
**No. 51 (Boundary)** by its duly )  
authorized signatories )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signatory (Secretary-Treasurer)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed (Month/Day/Year)

**SCHEDULE A**

**COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOL AGREEMENT ON MINOR CAPITAL PROJECTS  
BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE (INF) AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

**News Release**

Upon issuance of Capital Plan approvals and funding agreements to school districts, INF will issue public news releases regarding minor capital projects. School district(s) may be requested to provide a quote from a designated representative for such news releases.

**Signage**

Significant, high-profile minor capital construction projects and/or initiatives approved in the INF Capital Plan **may** be requested to be identified by signage prominently displayed at the site. INF will notify a school district(s) if this is the case.

**If requested**, signs must conform to Government of B.C.'s Infrastructure Sign Specifications and be produced by Government Communications and Public Engagement (GCPE) graphics department. In addition to the BC logo, school districts and other funding partners will be identified with their logos on signage. Signs are to be installed as soon as possible after announcement of the project, and amended to include the amount of investment and date of completion after award of the contract and preferably before the start of work. The signs are to remain on the site until the work is completed and after any completion ceremonies where applicable. A digital picture of the sign is to be sent to GCPE after it has been installed. Cost of the sign is to be funded from the approved project budget. School districts are responsible for installing the signs.

The steps from signage design to installation are as follows:

1. Project is announced;
1. GCPE will have their graphics department create a construction sign;
2. GCPE graphics department will create and send the approved file to Kings Printer for print production;
3. Kings Printer will notify GCPE when the sign is ready;
4. GCPE will notify the school district(s) when the sign is ready to be ordered and provide them with the online requisition form: <http://brokerage.gp.gov.bc.ca/submit-print/print-form.aspx>;
5. The school district(s) orders, pays and arranges for the sign to be installed. Signs are to be post mounted in a visible location;
6. School district(s) will notify GCPE when the sign is installed and send photo as confirmation.

**Official Ceremonies**

INF will notify a school district(s) if an official ceremony **may** be held to commemorate the launch and/or ground-breaking for a project. The parties shall co-operate in the organization ceremonies, and messages and public statements for such events should be mutually agreed upon.

**Plaques**

INF **may** request the district provide and install (upon completion of significant, high-profile construction projects and/or initiatives), a plaque bearing an appropriate inscription. The design, wording and specifications of such plaques must be approved by INF. Cost of the plaque is to be funded from the approved project budget.

**CAPITAL BYLAW NO. 2026/27-CPSD51-01  
CAPITAL PLAN 2026/2027**

WHEREAS in accordance with section 142 of the *School Act*, the Board of Education of School District No.51 (Boundary) (hereinafter called the “Board”) has submitted a capital plan to the Minister of Education (hereinafter called the "Minister") and the Minister has approved the capital plan or has approved a capital plan with modifications,

NOW THEREFORE in accordance with section 143 of the *School Act*, the Board has prepared this Capital Bylaw and agrees to do the following:

- (a) Authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to execute a capital project funding agreement(s) related to the capital project(s) contemplated by the capital plan or the capital plan with modifications;
- (b) Upon ministerial approval to proceed, commence the capital project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each capital project substantially as directed by the Minister;
- (c) Observe and comply with any order, regulation, or policy of the Minister as may be applicable to the Board or the capital project(s); and,
- (d) Maintain proper books of account, and other information and documents with respect to the affairs of the capital project(s), as may be prescribed by the Minister.

NOW THEREFORE the Board enacts as follows:

- 1. The Capital Bylaw of the Board for the 2026/27 Capital Plan as approved by the Minister, to include the supported capital project(s) specified in the letter addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and Superintendent, dated March 27, 2026 is hereby adopted.
- 2. This Capital Bylaw may be cited as School District No.51 (Boundary) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD5151-01

READ A FIRST TIME THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026;  
READ A SECOND TIME THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026;  
READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2026;

***APPLY CORPORATE SEAL***

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Board Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary-Treasurer

I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true and original School District No.51 (Boundary) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD5151-01 adopted by the Board the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

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Secretary-Treasurer



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## Memorandum

Date: April 21, 2026  
To: Board  
From: Iman Zare, Secretary Treasurer  
Subject: Election Bylaw No. 2026

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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

General school elections to elect trustees for all boards of education in the province are held every four years on the third Saturday of October, with the next election scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2026 [School Act, section 35]. Elected school trustees assume office on the first Monday after November 1st following the election, provided they have taken their oath of office [School Act, sections 35 and 49].

### 2.0 INFORMATION

In order for board of education elections to take place, someone must appoint the necessary officials, arrange for nominations to be held and for balloting (where necessary), and notify the public of times and places. In addition, someone must pay the bills. The responsibility for conducting trustee elections is addressed in *section 37 of the School Act*, while the question of cost reimbursement is addressed in *section 38*.

Where a trustee electoral area is all or part of a single municipality, the municipal council must conduct the trustee election [School Act, section 37 (1)]. This applies whether the trustee electoral area is all or part of the school district.

The board of education must conduct the trustee elections in all other trustee electoral areas [School Act, section 37 (3)]. It should be noted, however, that a board may at any time enter into an agreement with a municipality or regional district under which one party conducts all or part of an election for the other in accordance with the terms of the agreement, including the sharing of costs [School Act, section 38 (4); Local Government Act, section 57; Vancouver Charter, section 13]. A board of education that is party to such an agreement may approve a board bylaw that provides for any election bylaws of the municipality or regional district to apply to trustee elections conducted under the agreement [School Act, section 38 (5)].

### 2.0 OPTIONS FOR ACTION

- a. Recommend that the Board of Education receive the proposed Election Bylaw 2026 and complete first, second and third readings followed by approval of the document.
- b. Return to staff for further revisions prior to approval.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 51 (BOUNDARY)

### Bylaw 1-2026

**WHEREAS** the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary) wishes to establish procedures for the conduct of trustee elections.

**ACCORDINGLY** the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary), in an open meeting, **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

#### 1. Citation

1.1. This Bylaw may be cited as “School District No. 51 (Boundary) Bylaw 1-2026 Trustee Elections Bylaw”.

#### 2. Scope of Bylaw

2.1. This bylaw applies to both general elections and by-elections, except as otherwise indicated.

#### 3. Trustee Electoral Areas

3.1. In School District No. 51 (Boundary), trustee elections are held in the following trustee electoral areas:

<u>TEA#</u>	<u>Trustee Electoral Area Description</u>	<u>No. of Trustees</u>
#1	Municipality of the City of Grand Forks	two (2)
#2	Area C - Christina Lake of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	one (1)
#3	Area D – Rural Grand Forks of Regional District of Kootenay Boundary	one (1)
#4	Area E/Kettle Valley West of Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary (Village of Midway plus the Rock Creek, Bridesville, Kettle Valley areas)	one (1)
#5	Area E/Kettle Valley North of Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary (Westbridge, Beaverdell, Christian Valley, Idabel Lake, Big White areas)	one (1)
#6	Area E/Kettle Valley East of Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary (City of Greenwood and the rural areas of Greenwood and Midway)	one (1)

#### **4. Definitions**

- 4.1. The terms used in this bylaw shall have the meanings assigned by the School Act, the Local Government Act, and the Local Elections Campaign Financing Act except if the context requires otherwise.
- 4.2. “Board” means the Board of Education of School District No. 51 (Boundary).
- 4.3. “by-election” means a trustee election, other than one conducted as part of a general school election, to fill a vacancy on the Board in any of the circumstances described in section 36 of the School Act.
- 4.4. “Chief Election Officer” means the person appointed to perform the duties of chief election officer as set out in the *School Act*, the *Local Government Act*, and the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.
- 4.5. “local government” means, as applicable, the City of Grand Forks, the City of Greenwood, the Village of Midway or the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary.
- 4.6. “Minister” means the Minister of Education and Child Care.

#### **5. Voters List**

- 5.1. The most current available Provincial list of voters prepared under the Election Act is the register of resident electors for general school elections and trustee by-elections held in conjunction with other local government elections.
- 5.2. In the case of a trustee by-election that is not held in conjunction with other local government elections, then pursuant to section 69 of the Local Government Act, registration of electors for such by-election is limited to electors registering at the time of voting. This registration is effective only for the by-election for which the voting is being conducted at that time.

#### **6. Application of Local Government Bylaws**

- 6.1. Except for those sections of the local government bylaws determining the minimum number of nominators, the order of names on the ballot, the resolution of tie votes after judicial recount, requiring a nomination deposit, or any other matter on which the local government bylaws may not by law apply to a trustee election:
  - 6.1.1. In Trustee Electoral Area 1, the elections bylaws of the City of Grand Forks apply to trustee elections conducted by the City of Grand Forks;
  - 6.1.2. In Trustee Electoral Areas 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, if the City of Greenwood, the Village of Midway or the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary conducts all or part of a trustee election or if the trustee election is held at the same time as the general local elections, the election bylaws of the City of Greenwood, the Village of Midway or the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, as the case may be, as they may be amended from time to time, apply to that trustee election.

#### **7. Order of Names on the Ballot**

- 7.1. The order of names of candidates on the ballot will be arranged alphabetically by surname.

**8. Resolution of Tie Votes after Judicial Recount**

8.1. In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by conducting a lot, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

**9. Number of Nominators**

9.1. The minimum number of qualified nominators for a trustee candidate is two.

**10. Nomination Deposit**

10.1. No nomination deposit is required for nomination for the office of school trustee.

**11. Use of Voting Machines**

11.1. The use of automated voting machines, voting recorders, or other devices for voting in a school trustee election conducted by a local government is authorized in accordance with the procedures for voting, the form of ballot, and the procedures, rules, and requirements for counting of votes which are established by the bylaw adopted by that local government pursuant to Section 112 of the Local Government Act.

**12. Mail Ballot Voting**

12.1. There will be no mail ballot voting opportunities for trustee elections.

**13. Required Advance Voting Opportunities**

13.1. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement by Order of the Minister of Education, an-advance voting opportunity will be on the tenth day before general voting day.

13.2. Unless the Board is exempted from the requirement for an additional advance voting opportunity by Order of the Minister of Education, if the election bylaws of a local government apply, an additional advance voting day will be held on the date specified in the bylaws of the applicable local government as they may be amended from time to time.

13.3. For a trustee election to which the election bylaws of a local government do not apply, unless the Board is exempted from the requirement for an additional advance voting opportunity by Order of Minister, an additional advance voting opportunity will be held five days before general voting day.

**14. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities**

14.1. The Chief Election Officer may establish dates for additional advance voting opportunities for each trustee election and may designate the voting places and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

**15. Additional General Voting Opportunities**

15.1. The Chief Election Officer is authorized to establish additional general voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting places and voting hours for such voting opportunities, within the limits set out in the Local Government Act.

**16. Public Notice Posting Places**

16.1. For the purpose of trustee elections conducted by the Board, the following are designated as public notice posting places for the purposes of section 50 of the Local Government Act:

- 16.1.1. the Board Office entryway, and
- 16.1.2. the school entrances in Beaverdell, Big White Mountain, Christina Lake, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, and Rock Creek.

**17. Publication by Means Other than Newspaper**

17.1. The Board designates the following means of publication of notices required to be published pursuant to section 94.2 of the Community Charter:

- 17.1.1. on the school district website at <https://www.sd28.bc.ca>; and
- 17.1.2. on the “School District No. 51 (Boundary)” Facebook page.

**18. Number of Scrutineers at Voting Places**

18.1. The number of scrutineers for each candidate that may attend at an election is a maximum of one (1) scrutineer for each ballot box in use.

**19. Website Access to Candidate Nomination Documents and Campaign Financing Disclosure Statements**

19.1. The Board authorizes public access to nomination documents of the trustee candidates:

- 19.1.1. in person during the regular office hours at the Board’s office from the time the nomination documents are delivered until 30 days after declaration of the election results; and
- 19.1.2. on its website from the time the nomination documents are delivered until 30 days after declaration of the election results, except that public access by the means set out in this paragraph may not include the residential address of the person nominated, other than the municipality, electoral area, or treaty lands in which the person is resident.

19.2. The Board will make available to the public, by internet access at the Board’s head office, without charge and during the regular office hours of the Board’s head office, the disclosure statements or supplementary reports required to be made available by the BC chief electoral officer on an Elections BC authorized website, other than:

- 19.2.1. a mailing address or residential address of a significant contributor, or a telephone number, mailing address, or residential address of a candidate, until 5 years after general voting day for the election to which the trustee’s campaign financial disclosure statements and supplementary report relate by providing a copy of that information for inspection.

19.3. The Board will, on request, provide a copy or other record of trustee candidates’ campaign financing disclosure statements and supplementary reports for as long as they are required to be available to the public under Section 19.2.

19.4. Before providing the services under Section 19.3, other than to a Board officer or employee acting in the course of their duties, the Board requires the person requesting the service to:

19.4.1. satisfy to a board official that any purpose for which personal information is to be used is permitted by the *School Act*, *Local Government Act* and section 63 of the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, and

19.4.2. provide a signed statement that

19.4.2.1. the individual, and if applicable, any individual or organization on whose behalf the first individual is accessing, inspecting or obtaining the copy or other record, will not use personal information included in the copy or other record expect for a purpose permitted under the *School Act*, *Local Government Act* or the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*.

## **20. Repeal**

20.1. School District No. 51 Bylaw No. 1-2022 Trustee Elections is hereby repealed.

Read a first time the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

Read a second time the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

Read a third time, passed and adopted the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026.

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Board Chairperson

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Secretary-Treasurer

### **3.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT:** The Board of Education receive, and complete first, second and third readings of the Election Bylaw followed by approval of the document.

### **4.0 RELEVANT MOTION(S)**

MOTION: "That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Election Bylaw No. 2026 be given first reading."

MOTION: "That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Election Bylaw No. 2026 be given second reading."

MOTION: "That School District No. 51 (Boundary) Election Bylaw No. 2026 be given third reading, reconsidered, and finally passed and adopted on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2026."

### **4.0 APPENDICES**

a) Proposed Election Bylaw 2026



### **Child Care Capacity Building Agreement**

The Ministry of Education & Child Care (MECC) secured funding to support continuation of Early Learning Child Care Leads (ELCCL) for two school years (26/27 & 27/28).

- This was formerly known as District Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) Leads Project
- This funding helped districts to hire staff to support childcare programs, including Seamless Day and Just B4 programs, on school grounds
- This new agreement is aligned with the ministry's mandate commitment to expand school age care on school grounds
- There is also funding to support pilot transition process in the 2026/27 school year (for Seamless Day and/or Just B4 in SD 51)
- The agreement includes a greater emphasis on sustaining existing child care programs, while continuing to support the overall objectives of the former ELCC project and preparing for expansion of School Age Child Care

What are the deliverables for the Child Care Pilot Transition Funding Project?

- Continue to operate child care spaces currently operating that were initiated through the pilot programs
- Identify opportunities for improved operational efficiency & work towards implementation
- Determine when & how changes to parent fee structures can be implemented to reduce impact on families, while supporting cost-recovery efforts
- Participate in all the programs available such as Child Care Operating Funding, Reduction Initiative, Affordable Child Care Benefit, etc.,
- Work to isolate child care revenues and expenses to support cost-recovery efforts
- The goals: continued operation of existing board-operated child care programs on schools grounds and "cost-recovery child care on school grounds" budgets here possible given local context

What are the deliverables for ELCCL funding?

- Support expansion and continued operations of licensed child care spaces on school grounds in alignment with government priorities and local community context
- Collaborate with community when expanding
- Maintain a focus on high-quality child care experiences where child care is provided
- The goals: plan for and improve access to quality, inclusive child care settings, increase quality of child care through increased awareness of Early Learning Framework, First Peoples Principles of Learning, including attention to inclusion and reconciliation with Indigenous people, and develop a collaborative early learning and child care system for children, families, and educators

What does this mean for Boundary School District?

- District has had a Seamless Day program operating at Perley Elementary since June 2023
  - Qualified Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) provide before- and after-school care for school-aged children, and are in a Kindergarten classroom providing support during class time
  - The funding provided by the Ministry has supported this program financially. The parent fees do not cover the wages for the 2 ECEs. Part of the 2026/27 school year will be implementing a cost-recovery program where all costs are covered, and parents' fees are still reasonable.
    - We will need to look at whether having an ECE providing classroom support is financially viable
    - The ultimate goal is to offer child care for school-aged children on a Friday as well as before- and after-school care
- And... I am THRILLED to announce that the District finally has found an ECE to run a Just B4 preschool at West Boundary Elementary
  - Kirsten Rezanoff, District Vice Principal, completed the licensing process almost 2 years ago; however, we were unable to hire a qualified ECE until March 2026
  - We have enough funds to sustain the program until June 2027
  - The focus for next year, however, will be to ensure sustainability/cost-recovery
- Finally, we need to look at staffing to support these programs
  - A lot of work is done off the side of desks, from helping parents access funding to providing child care when ECE away – need consistent support to ensure sustainability



# School District 51 Boundary

## Upcoming School Events – April 2026

### Beaverdell Elementary

- April 23 Early Dismissal/Student led conferences
- May 7 Spring Field Trip to Kelowna (tentative)
- May 21 Field Trip to WBES

### Big White Community School

- April 23 Early Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Interviews
- May 22 Track Meet at Perley

### Boundary Central Secondary School

- April 23 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- April 29-May 1 Senior French Cultural Trip
- May 12 Grade 9 Salmon Release

### Christina Lake Elementary School

- April 30 Elder Visit
- April-May Golf Lessons for Grades 3-7
- May 12 Grade 3/4/5 Trip to Millennium Park for Salmon Release
- May 22 Bob Chapman Memorial Track Meet at Perley

### Dr. D.A. Perley Elementary School

- April 30 Monthly Assembly at 11:30
- May 13 6pm History of Rock Concert
- May 22 Bob Chapman Memorial Track Meet

### Grand Forks Secondary School

- April 20/21 Provincial Assessments
- May 4 PAC Meeting

### Greenwood Elementary School

- April 22 PAC AGM
- May 5 Red Dress Day
- May 22 Jump Rope for Heart

### John.A. Hutton Elementary School

- April 29 Monthly Assembly at 10:30
- May 7 Author Visit
- May 14 Hutton Track Meet
- May 21 Ventriloquist show

### Walker Development Centre

- Nothing to report at this time

## West Boundary Elementary School

- April 23 Student-led conferences; Family BBQ
- April 30 Technology Symposium
- May 14 School Track Meet and Moosehide Campaign

## BCSTA AGM 2026 Conference notes – Trustee Danyluk

### THURSDAY PRE-CONFERENCE

**Monique Nicole Smith** spoke on “Sharing the Light: Stories and Reflections”. She shared her personal journey of a life that was transformed by one person’s encouraging word, “I look forward to reading your book one day.” Words of hope: spoken by us can transform a person’s life – a student’s life. Joy. Love. Light. Even in the midst of darkness.

Questions/Thoughts to ponder:

What are the feelings you want your families to have in your district?

When we change our emotions, we change our destiny

Cookie people – those people who make us feel seen, valued, important – and sometimes we don’t even know we have been changed.

Good end of day questions: What did you learn today? What was the best part of your day? A practise of hope, gratitude. What are your hopes?

How do we create room in our circles?

If you ask permission, you have to listen to the answer. You have to respect the boundaries – if you don’t it will take time to repair.

Hope is a form of resistance.

Ways of being: Gratitude (gratitude is much more than thank you. It is a thread that fosters relationships.); Love (is medicine); Joy

**Kate Toye, Prince Rupert Board Chair**, spoke on our personal role in governance. Developing self-awareness, emotional intelligence, effective communication, openness and trust for purposes of creating a more resilient and adaptive Board.

**Mary Forbes and Louise Towell** spoke on the origins and motivation for Rainbow Fish on Fence: A Stream of Dreams. A powerful comprehensive story of 30 years of ecology, art, hope, healing and joy. We even got to color our own fish magnet and take it home!!

### THURSDAY EVENING

**Clara Hughes** told her powerful story of hope and being a dual Olympian champion because of people who walked with her, who cared first and foremost for her and her mental health, thus enabling her to experience healing, compete at the highest level and become a spokesperson for mental health.

### FRIDAY

**Lisa Beare, Minister of Education & Childcare** focused first on Tumbler Ridge and of increasing safety in school. Also spoke of the \$3 million toward filling the rural/remote vacancies and that international degrees and letters of permissions are now good for 3 years.

### **Board Policy Review Committee**

Goal to help BoE has strong policies for governance: challenge is that policies (governance) and administrative procedures (operations) are confused as to what belongs where.

Why? Public confidence, student success (and role clarity). All 60 district policies were scanned – some have not been changed since 1983. Goal: 20-30 policies. Goal: free trustees and staff to run district effectively. Policies should be looked at every 4 years – update, change, make relevant....

MOE, BCSTA, BCSSA, BCPVPA, BC Assoc. of School business officials were on the committee along with FNEC. Current document is phase 1. Next is phase 2 and 3. MoE will be seeking to help determine whether it is a policy or an Administrative procedure (AP). Ministerial orders (MO) vs School Act. Some M.O. are policy and some are A.P.

#### Timeline:

1. Need identified
2. Advisory Committee: Work with ECC, created support materials, identified exemplar policies (baseline ones), acknowledge local autonomy (baseline ones can be modified for local conditions)
3. Goal to have key policies updates by October: Policy deals with the why and the what. Administrative Procedures answers the question, how?

### **Governing Through an Election with Lisa Zwarn**

As a board member you still have to govern, behave as a financial steward, indicate when you are speaking as a board member, be careful about being an advocate

Have a separate email address

Indicate when you are speaking as a board member and as a candidate

Do not use SD's materials

#### Not Running?

Make decisions while you are still on the board

Recognize that you will not be making the decisions soon

Careful about campaigning for others or for issues important to you

Fulfill your duty as a “steward”

Not to run: Off boarding. Get ready to leave by

- Properly filing information
- Returning your files/records

- Cleaning out your electronics
- Remove your items from the district office
- Finish your paperwork

What candidate info should be on school website which the candidate has approved of?

Include a disclaimer that “This opportunity was offered to all candidates and that the following are the candidates who chose to participate in the opportunity. Only the contact information

Public Input Component @ board meeting leading up to election

Speakers bias is that all portions of public input (including delegatins) should be suspended between the start of the nomination period and general voting day.

### **Continuous Improvement: Board Communications**

We need to change the narrative ourselves – where **communication is about positive things** rather than negative/reactionary things.

How well do we do a good job of targeting our communications?

Activism involves taking a direction action to promote, protest or demand change – usually in a public way.

**Rural and Remote Network & Paul Adams Rural Health Network: April 2026 Report**  
**By: Katie Jepsen**

The rural and remote board had their last meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> in person at the AGM. I thought I would share some of what this board is about.

The Rural and Remote Network provides a forum for trustees from Rural and Remote School Districts to share challenges and best practices, develop policy recommendations, advise the BCSTA board on issues affecting rural and remote public education, and bring rural and remote voices and perspectives to BCSTA objectives and strategic priorities.

Providing quality education to rural, remote and isolated communities is a complex undertaking given the scope of unique challenges facing these districts. We as a board did an exploration into and the understanding of, the challenges, opportunities and necessary actions needed for all students to thrive. The Rural and Remote Network feels that location factors, population size factors and accessibility to key services to ensure students have equal opportunities in remote communities.

Our 3-year term is up but we are pleased to announce that the BCSTA board has seen the importance of continuing with this committee. The BCSTA president in consultation with the board of directors will appoint 10 members to the network for a 3-year term. This will include trustees from rural and remote districts, liaison from the BCSTA board of directors, BCSSA representative and a BCPSEA representative. Meetings will be held monthly via zoom and in person at the trustee academy and AGM. The network does not have a set budget.

Our network focuses on advocacy, relationship building, transportation issues, health care access. We have had meetings with municipal leaders, health system partners, advocacy groups, housing, primary care, transportation and social supports. In every one of these conversations the message was the same. Rural realities are different; the barriers are real and the system designed around urban assumptions continue to leave too many people behind. Nowhere was that clearer than in the events around Tumbler Ridge. It exposed once again the consequences of a system that too often fails to respond adequately to the realities of rural life. When services are limited, when assessment pathways are weak, when transportation is inadequate, and when people are isolated socially and geographically, the risks grow quickly. We cannot keep waiting for tragedies to force attention onto problems rural communities have been naming for years.

This is clear why this committee matters.

Thank you for supporting me for the last 3 years in this role. I hope the future trustee who sits on this committee will dive in and make a difference for our board and branch.



## **March 2026**

### **March highlights - From Angela**

- Basketball Season has concluded with a tournament at BCSS( many thanks to Trisha Paseska for coaching both the team and arranging for sessions with retired NBA player Coach Hinz). We were fortunate to have extra players from WBES to help us field a girls team.
- Science Fair has concluded with the West competition at BCSS with a small but mighty group of four students
- Strong Roots, Strong Minds has concluded their program with a celebratory feast of salmon done several different ways and buffalo bulls (Ms. Tanya's passion project)
- Arts Club has started after school on Mondays with an art show scheduled at GF Art Gallery in May
- Spirit Club had a drawing contest, and the winning entries are posted on the bulletin board
- 100th Day of school was celebrated on March 5
- Grade 2/3/4/5 class has completed their unit on Folk Dancing with Dean Corbett leading the sessions
- Axis Theatre performed a live show in our gym called "Everybody Loves Mr. Hatch" (thank you to the Gem Theatre owner, Shawn Aquiline for securing the grant to bring this to our school!)
- Grade 5/6/7 Have had a Fish in Schools presentation to help them understand the life cycle of their salmon fry and the importance of the project

### **Upcoming**

- Science World will be visiting us to present "The Science of Sport"-April 13
- Popey is continuing to host sessions for primary teachers on literacy practices
- Author Diana Schaffner will be visiting grade 2/3/4/5 and 5/6/7
- Grade 7 fundraisers-another hot lunch day, popcorn treats, and possibly a bottle drive
- Greenhouse will be built by SD51 Maintenance Staff
- Harvest Bin grant for the garden was approved

- Firepit for the garden (Ian has the supply list and Heinz Kruezer is going to help with the construction)
- Grade 7 trip- the plan is being figured out and for moderate/high risk activities parents/caregivers will be asked to participate in a meeting and sign off on the activity

## Hutton PAC Meeting Highlights

Date: Monday, March 9, 2026

### **Principal's & Teacher's Reports**

Skating and skiing are now finished, looking at swimming next.

Marketplace last month put on by Mr. Stewart's grade 6/7 class was a huge success with most students selling out of all their goods.

Science Fair is tomorrow in the East, total about 250 – 300 kids participating this year in District. This year BCSS has about 40 kids participating – usually there are more primary than secondary students but the West has a good number of high school kids this year.

Olympic spirit was big at Hutton this year with classes taking time to watch some events, hockey especially. Ms. Smuin's grade 6 class had a medal count board that they were updating daily that was on display for the whole school to see. It was a fun time for the school and a chance for the students to cheer Canada on.

### **School Trustee Report**

I told everyone about the Lego League Robotics provincial competition that a Hutton team (Legosaurus') advanced to in Maple Ridge, BC over the weekend and explained a little about the competition. Although they did not advance to the North American finals, they did a great job representing Grand Forks. The winner of the provincial competition was team Nelson Nerds so we still have some representation from the Kootenays in the contest.

Reported some new faces people might see at the Board Office with Iman and Jody now in their positions.

There was discussion about door security at Hutton and steps – if any – will be put in place to make the front doors more secure and safe. I encouraged parents to write emails to Principal Scott regarding their concerns and suggestions so they can be passed on for our Operations meeting next month.

### **PAC Reports (President's, Treasurer's and Fundraising)**

Reminder from the Treasurer that there is \$4,000 in the gaming account that needs to be spent by the end of the school year and for teachers to put in their requests for non-instructional things that might include year end trips, parties etc.

PAC would like to put on an event in the Spring – probably May – for families to come and enjoy outside. More to come...

**Next meeting is Monday, April 13th at 6:00**

Larisa Van Marck

School Trustee – SD51

## Hutton PAC Meeting Highlights

Date: Monday, April 13, 2026

### **Principal's & Teacher's Reports**

Science Fair was well attended with a lot of judges this year. Regionals will be held this Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Hutton with about 20 projects entered from students within our District plus some entries from Nelson, Trail, and Kelowna. Winners will move on to the Nationals in Edmonton.

Teacher Greg Smythe presented a project that his 4/5 class is working on called "Hawks to Higher Heights". This project centers around a high altitude helium balloon that they want to have a camera and GPS tracking device as well as figurines of each student in the class in a package attached to the balloon. It will then be launched 30-40 kms into the stratosphere and then parachute down and be retrieved with help of community trackers. The students can then claim that their figurines went to the edge of space and back. Everyone is very excited about this project.

### **School Trustee Report**

I talked about the Ministry directed mandate for all secondary schools to have naloxone and AEDs already in place and all elementary schools to have both in place by September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026. There was a lot of discussion on this and the continual costs this will place on districts and schools.

I also touched on the availability of funding from BISM to support some family counselling for families in the District.

### **PAC Reports (President's, Treasurer's and Fundraising)**

Two more nights of Bingo coming up for fundraising in April and May.

A Spring Family Picnic is being planned for end of May/early June. There was an idea to organize it around Mr. Smythe's helium balloon launch (see above details) and get the whole Hutton community involved in getting the Hutton Hawks to higher heights!

### **Next meeting is Monday, May 11th at 6:00**

Larisa Van Marck  
School Trustee – SD51

## Perley PAC Meeting Highlights

Date: Monday, March 2, 2026

### **Principal/Vice Principal Report**

A review of the safety plan for the front door has been done, discussion is ongoing with the students about not opening the doors of the school to adults that don't work at the school.

Basketball end of season play day will be at BCSS in Midway on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Science Fair reminder that public viewing will only be between 11:00 and 12:00 this year, Science Fair for the East will be March 10<sup>th</sup>.

BCTF will be voting on a deal very shortly.

### **School Trustee Report**

I was asked what projects would be worked on this Spring Break and commented that the main focus would be GFSS change rooms and that I didn't have a detailed list of projects across the District.

We had a general discussion about the new Superintendent that was hired and the acting Superintendent during the month of March.

### **PAC Reports (President's, Treasurer's and Fundraising)**

Focus is on food this month and the week before Spring Break there will be a hot dog day and a pizza day organized by the PAC. These are not necessarily fundraisers, just a chance to feed kids.

DPAC has been formed with five members at large and four members on the board. AGM will be held mid November.

A brief presentation was made by Krissy Jorgenson, an Autism Consultant and Family Coach to see if there was an appetite from PAC to fund some sessions for parents. Perley PAC is interested and would like to see if other PACS would be interested as well to share the cost – possibly even an event the newly formed DPAC might want to support.

**Next meeting is Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm**

Larisa Van Marck  
School Trustee – SD51

## Perley PAC Meeting Highlights

Date: Monday, April 13, 2026

### **Principal/Vice Principal Report**

A pilot project will start this year with Grade 7 capstones. This will be a simplified version of the Grade 12 capstones that are already done in the District. Each Grade 7 student will present a slide explaining where they feel they belong, what have they learned in elementary school, who do they want to be in high school, what do they think will be the hardest thing in high school, what gifts do they have that make the world better – all questions based around the circle of courage. Once a date is set for these capstone presentations, a school trustee will be invited to hear them. Students are very engaged already and on board.

A “History of Rock” Concert will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm – mostly intermediate students are participating. Public entry cost will be by donation and there will be a concession.

The Bob Chapman District Track Meet will be held at Perley on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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### **PAC Reports (President’s, Treasurer’s and Fundraising)**

Current fundraiser is Spring Flower Baskets from Country Roads Greenhouses in Grand Forks.

Perley Family Fun Day is set for May 28<sup>th</sup> – more details to come on what that will actually look like.

**Next meeting is Monday, May 4th @ 5pm**

Larisa Van Marck  
School Trustee – SD51