



**Board of Education of  
K'wasałtknéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw School District No. 83**

**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Venue:** **District Education Support Centre & MS Teams Town Hall**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY</b> We open the meeting with the acknowledgement that the Board holds its meeting on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwépemc people.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA – CHANGES / ADDITIONS</b>  <u>Recommendation</u> <i>That the Board of Education adopt the March 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented.</i>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES</b> A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026	Pg. 5
	<u>Recommendation</u> <i>That the Board of Education adopt the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026, as presented.</i>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF IN-CAMERA MEETING SUMMARY</b> A. Summary of In-camera Meeting – February 17, 2026	Pg. 13
	<u>Recommendation</u> <i>That the Board of Education adopt the Summary of the In-camera Meeting of February 17, 2026, as presented.</i>	
	B. Summary of Special In-Camera Meeting – March 3, 2026	Pg. 15
	<u>Recommendation</u> <i>That the Board of Education adopt the Summary of the Special In-camera Meeting of March 3, 2026, as presented.</i>	

Item	Description	
6.	<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b> None	
7.	<b>DELEGATIONS</b>	
6:10pm	A. Rural Schools & Community Use of Schools <b>District of Sicamous Councillor: Siobhan Rich</b>	Pg. 16
8.	<b>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</b>	
6:25pm	Superintendent: Donna Kriger	
9.	<b>EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT</b>	
6:45pm	A. Early Learning <b>Director of Instruction – Early Years &amp; Elementary: Jen Findlay</b> <b>District Vice-Principal – Early Learning &amp; Child Care: Allison de Boer</b>	Pg. 31
	Board Information	
10.	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
7:00pm	A. District Calendar for School Year 2026-2027 <b>Assistant Superintendent: Michelle Guillou</b>	Pg. 39
	<u>Recommendation</u> <i>That the Board of Education approve the draft District calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.</i>	
7:10pm	B. 2026 School Trustee Elections - Appointment of Election Officers <b>Acting Secretary-Treasurer: Jeremy Hunt</b>	Pg. 41
	<u>Recommendation</u> <i>That the Board of Education appoint the following Election Officers for the 2026 School Trustee Elections:</i>	
	<b>Trustee Electoral Area 1</b> <b>(City of Armstrong, Township of Spallumcheen, CSRD Electoral Area D)</b> Chief Election Officer – Veronica Deacon Deputy Chief Election Officer – Jeremy Hunt Deputy Chief Election Officer – Heather Morris	
	<b>Trustee Electoral Area 2</b> <b>(City of Enderby, CSRD Electoral Area E, District of Sicamous, RDNO Electoral Area F)</b> Chief Election Officer – Veronica Deacon Deputy Chief Election Officer – Jeremy Hunt Deputy Chief Election Officer – Heather Morris	
	<b>Trustee Electoral Area 3</b> <b>(CSRD Electoral Areas C, F, and G)</b> Chief Election Officer – Veronica Deacon Deputy Chief Election Officer – Jeremy Hunt Deputy Chief Election Officer – Heather Morris	

Item	Description
<b>11.</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>
	A. Education Directions <b>Committee Chair: Marianne VanBuskirk</b>
	B. Finance & Facilities/Audit <b>Committee Chair: Amanda Krebs</b>
	C. Labour Relations <b>Committee Chair: Corryn Grayston</b>
7:20pm	D. Partner Group Liaison <b>Committee Chair: Corryn Grayston</b>
	E. Policy Committee <b>Committee Chair: Brent Gennings</b>
	F. Committee of the Whole <b>Committee Chair: Corryn Grayston</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION</b>
7:25pm	A. Proactive Behaviour Support Planning <b>Assistant Superintendent: Chelsea Prince</b> <b>Inclusion Support Teachers: Joan Marsan &amp; Amber Prince-Hensold</b>
	Board Information
<b>13.</b>	<b>BCSTA UPDATE</b>
7:40pm	Trustee: Corryn Grayston
<b>14.</b>	<b>BCPSEA UPDATE</b>
	Trustee: Corryn Grayston
<b>15.</b>	<b>QUELMÚCW EDUCATION COUNCIL UPDATE</b>
	Trustee: Tennile Lachmuth
<b>16.</b>	<b>BOARD CORRESPONDENCE</b>
	None
<b>17.</b>	<b>TRUSTEE REPORTS</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b>QUESTION PERIOD</b>
8:00pm	<i>The Board welcomes questions of a general nature, but the primary purpose of the "Public Question Period" is to ask questions about the Board's policies or operations.</i>
	<i>Question Period is not a platform for presentations or personal statements. As a reminder, all questions and responses must be germane to the agenda items under discussion.</i>
<b>19.</b>	<b>UPCOMING DATES / EVENTS</b>

<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
	Spring Break – March 16-27, 2026
	Good Friday – April 3, 2026 (statutory holiday)
	Easter Monday – April 6, 2026 (school holiday)
	BCSTA AGM – April 9-11, 2026 – Vancouver, BC
	Regular Board Meeting – April 21, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Board of Education of School District No. 83  
(Kwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw)**

**Minutes** of the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 83 (Kwsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw), held at the District Education Support Centre and via Microsoft Teams Town Hall on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

**Present:**

C. Grayston	Board Chairperson	D. Kriger	Superintendent
A. Krebs	Vice Chairperson	J. Hunt	Acting Secretary-Treasurer
B. Gennings	Trustee	M. Guillou	Assistant Superintendent (HR)
T. Lachmuth	Trustee	C. Prince	Assistant Superintendent (Ind. Ed/St Support)
M. VanBuskirk	Trustee	J. Findlay	Dir. of Instruction (Early Learning/Elem)
		R. Findlay	Dir. of Instruction (Middle/Secondary)
		T. Elwood	Director of Operations

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Vice-Chairperson Krebs acknowledged that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

Board Vice-Chairperson Krebs opened the meeting with the acknowledgment that the Board holds its meeting on the traditional and unceded land of the Secwépemc people.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA - ADDITIONS / CHANGES**

**012/2026** *"That the Board of Education adopt the February 17, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Agenda, as presented."*  
**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2026**  
**013/2026** *"That the Board of Education adopt the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026, as presented."*  
**CARRIED**

**5. ADOPTION OF IN-CAMERA MEETING SUMMARY**

**A. Summary of In-camera Meeting – January 20, 2026**  
**014/2026** *"That the Board of Education adopt the Summary of the In-camera Meeting of January 20, 2026, as presented."*  
**CARRIED**

**B. Summary of Special In-camera Meeting – January 26, 2026**  
**015/2026** *"That the Board of Education adopt the Summary of the In-camera Meeting of January 26, 2026, as presented."*  
**CARRIED**

**C. Summary of Special In-camera Meeting #2 – January 26, 2026**  
**016/2026** *"That the Board of Education adopt the Summary of the In-camera Meeting #2 of January 26, 2026, as presented."*  
**CARRIED**

**6. BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**7. DELEGATIONS**

None

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent: Donna Kriger

Superintendent Kriger reported on the following:

- Strategic Priority – *Effective Governance & Leadership*
  - the monthly Strategic Focus publication which highlights work in the District that supports or aligns with the District Strategic Plan priorities;
- Strategic Plan – Vision Statement
  - the second annual K-12 Environmental Expo scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> at Salmon Arm Secondary;
- Strategic Priority – *Human & Social Development*
  - the annual Pirate Loppett at Larch Hills Nordic ski area held on January 30<sup>th</sup>, with congratulations to South Canoe Elementary in being awarded the pirate flag for having the highest participation rate;
- Strategic Priorities – *Human & Social Development, Community Partnership Development*
  - Ready, Set, Learn sessions at District elementary schools, which support transitions to Kindergarten and develop community partnerships;
  - much of the Ministry grant funding related to supporting early learning initiatives is expected to conclude this year and the District will need to consider ways to sustain these initiatives;
- Strategic Priority – *Intellectual Development*
  - registration is open for the 2026-2027 school year for new students to the District and those entering Kindergarten;
- Strategic Priorities – *Organizational Development, Human & Social Development*
  - the District Leadership Team professional development session held on February 13<sup>th</sup> focused on restorative practices;
  - existing and reinforced safety protocols and procedures in District schools, in light of the recent events in Tumbler Ridge; and
- acknowledging and extending condolences to the community of Tumbler Ridge concerning the February 10<sup>th</sup> tragedy.

The Board discussed the expected conclusion of the Early Learning Ministry grant funding and bringing this matter forward at the upcoming BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch meeting as well.

**016/2026 CARRIED** *“That the Board Chair write a letter to the Ministry of Education and Child Care indicating the challenges that come with the termination of the Early Learning funding, plus any other applicable funding challenges.”*

**9. EDUCATIONAL COMPONENT**

None

**10. NEW BUSINESS****A. 2026/27 School Fees**

Superintendent: Donna Kriger

Superintendent Kriger reviewed the briefing note and presented the 2026/27 proposed school fee table included in the agenda. She noted the proposed annual \$75 rental fee for District-owned musical instruments. Discussion ensued on the instrument rental fee, whether it would apply to mandatory grade 7 band classes, hardship funds, application of the annual fee in a semester system, and the rental fee being an average amount due to some instruments costing more than others to maintain and repair. Assistant Superintendent Guillou confirmed that the rental fee would only apply to elective band courses and not grade 7 beginner band classes.

**017/2026  
CARRIED**

*"That the Board of Education approve the school fee structure as presented for the 2026-27 school year."*

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****A. Education Directions**

Committee Chair: Trustee Marianne VanBuskirk

Trustee Marianne VanBuskirk reported on the following items discussed at the February 4<sup>th</sup> committee meeting:

- early literacy assessments;
- English language arts and learning progressions for K to 4;
- competency-based Individual Education Plans and reporting guidelines; and
- MyBlueprint / MyBlueprint+ high school planning software.

**B. Finance & Facilities / Audit**

Committee Chair: Board Vice-Chair Amanda Krebs

**i. Quarterly Financials to December 31, 2025**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer: Jeremy Hunt

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Hunt provided the Board with a review of the December 31<sup>st</sup> quarterly financials in the agenda, highlighting the following:

- revenues are as anticipated with expenses falling in line with where staff would expect at this time;
- the financials are trending in a good direction overall;
- benefit increases in January to EI, CPP, and WorkSafe rates will impact the anticipated benefits amounts to the end of the year;
- currently projecting an approximate accumulated operating surplus of \$2.2 million;
- no labour settlement funding at this time due to ongoing bargaining;
- favourable weather conditions have positively impacted utilities expenses; and
- the four budget initiatives approved by the Board in December (reduction of PVP teaching time, positions of special responsibility, additional library clerk and CEA positions) would begin to be actualized in January.

ii. **2025/26 Amended Annual Budget – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer: Jeremy Hunt

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Hunt presented the briefing note, presentation, services & supplies change detail listing, and Ministry budget document in the agenda regarding the 2025/26 amended annual budget. He provided a thorough review of the following items in the 2025/26 amended budget presentation:

- the amended and annual budget timeline;
- overview of funding categories (Operating, Capital, and Special Purpose);
- the operating budget plan, with comparisons to the 2026 annual budget and the 2025 annual budget, noting that salaries and benefits comprise approximately 90% of the operating budget;
- budget initiatives approved by the Board in December and their respective budgeted costs;
- proposed budget reductions to cell phones, contracts, and telephones;
- proposed budget increases to various items due to cost pressures, increase in services, or from restricted surplus set aside in the prior year;
- items identified in the Transportation review (tire change machine and ridership tracking software), not included in the presented budget, and their respective estimated costs;
- Special Purpose funds, noting that early learning pilot projects will be drastically impacted without additional funding from the Ministry as well as uncertainty regarding funding for Careers initiatives due to changes at the government level;
- Capital fund and local capital reserve details;
- accumulated surplus and risk regarding unexpected expenditures such as insurance claims, labour settlements, and uncertainty concerning technology pricing; and
- an overview of staffing changes compared to the annual budget.

Discussion ensued on clarity regarding the 'Contracts (No WCB)' line in the services & supplies detail listing; feedback from staff regarding implementing budget initiatives earlier in the school year and acknowledging that it would be on a case-by-case basis depending on the District's financial position; and the timing, benefits, and implementation logistics of the ridership tracking software.

**018/2026  
CARRIED**

*"That the Board of Education start the process of purchasing the ridership tracking software."*

The Board called for a recess at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

The Board agreed to move to approving the 2025/26 Amended Annual Budget with the understanding that the final version, to be circulated to Trustees via email by Acting Secretary-Treasurer Hunt, would include the additional \$30,000 for the ridership tracking software.

**019/2026  
CARRIED**

*"That the School District No. 83 (K'w'saltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 be given second reading."*

**020/2026  
CARRIED**

*"That the School District No. 83 (K'w'saltktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw) Amended Annual Budget Bylaw for fiscal year 2025/26 be given third reading, passed, and*

*adopted on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026.”*

**iii. February Enrolment Projections**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer: Jeremy Hunt

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Hunt reviewed the briefing note in the agenda and presented the supporting data on the February enrolment projections submitted to the Ministry on February 13<sup>th</sup>. He reported that enrolment is projected to be down approximately 154 students for the 2026/27 school year at this time. He explained that, as shown in the data, there is a demographic shift as the larger cohorts of about 600 students are aging out and smaller cohorts of only about 400 students are coming in. He noted that Kindergarten numbers are anticipated increase slightly over the next six months as it gets closer to September.

**C. Labour Relations**

Committee Chair: Board Chair Corryn Grayston

Board Chair Grayston reported that there was no committee meeting held in February.

**D. Partner Group Liaison**

Committee Chair: Board Chair Corryn Grayston

Next meeting to be held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**E. Policy Committee**

Committee Chair: Trustee Brent Gennings

Trustee Gennings reported that the committee discussed Policy 310 – Student Code of Conduct and Policy 9050 – Nutrition in Schools at its meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**i. Policy 190: Financial Planning and Reporting – Second & Final Reading**

Acting Secretary-Treasurer: Jeremy Hunt

Acting Secretary-Treasurer Hunt presented the briefing note and related policy documents in the agenda and reported that no suggestions or comments have been received regarding the policy since it went out for public feedback. He noted that the public feedback period is open until February 19<sup>th</sup>, and staff would bring this policy back if any major feedback is received.

**021/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the second and final reading of Policy 190 – Financial Planning and Reporting.”*

**F. Committee of the Whole**

Committee Chair: Board Chair Corryn Grayston

**i. Board Governance Policies**

Board Chairperson: Corryn Grayston

Board Chair Grayston reviewed the briefing note in the agenda noting that with the upcoming School Trustee Election, Trustees have committed to review the governance policies under Section 100 of the Board’s policy manual to ensure

they are current and up to date. She reported that the Board reviewed the first half of the Section 100 policies at its January 26<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting and will review the second half of the policies at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting. Trustee VanBuskirk noted a small amendment to be made to Policy 100 – Foundational Statements, to add “a” before “foundational lens” in the second paragraph.

**022/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 100 – Foundational Statements as amended.”*

**023/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 130 – Roles and Responsibilities of the Board as amended.”*

**024/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the amendments to Policy 131 – Roles and Responsibilities of the Board Chairperson as amended.”*

**025/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the amendments and renumbering of former Policy 132 – Roles and Responsibilities of Individual Trustees to Policy 133 - Roles and Responsibilities of Individual Trustees as amended.”*

**027/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the amendments and renumbering of former Policy 133 – Trustee Code of Conduct to Policy 134 – Trustee Code of Conduct as amended.”*

**026/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the amendments and renumbering of former Policy 134 – Trustee Conflict of Interest to Policy 135 – Trustee Conflict of Interest as amended.”*

**028/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the amendments and renumbering of former Policy 135 – Trustee Attendance to Policy 136 – Trustee Attendance as amended.”*

**029/2026  
CARRIED**

*“That the Board of Education approve the following amendment to all Board policies, that the first naming of the Board be as follows: ‘The Board of Education of School District No. 83 (K̓w̓s̓altk̓tn̓é̓ws̓ ne Secwepemc̓ú’ecw)’. ”*

## **12. EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION**

### **A. MOECC Inclusive Education Funding**

Assistant Superintendent: Chelsea Prince

Assistant Superintendent Prince reviewed her presentation in the agenda on Ministry of Education and Child Care (MOECC) inclusive education funding and how it supports students, detailing the following:

- information from the Inclusive Education Manual of Policies and Procedures on valuing diversity in the BC public school system;
- the twelve inclusive education designation categories used by the Ministry, with most designations requiring a diagnosis;
- designations categorised as “low incidence” or “high incidence” with the Ministry only providing supplemental funding for low incidence designations;
- three funding levels for low incidence designations;

- students that meet the criteria for more than one designation are given the designation that most closely describes the needs of the student, and their Individual Education Plan (IEP) would reflect goals aligned with both designations;
- 15.5% of students in the District have designations, with higher rates among students with Indigenous ancestry and those living on-reserve;
- high incidence designations are not funded under the premise that they are best served through high quality teaching and inclusive practices such as Universal Design for Learning, universal supports, and essential supports provided in a regular classroom setting;
- supplemental funding provided by the Ministry is not targeted, but a ratio, with no direct line between funding for a specific student and services provided; and
- historical inclusive education allocations in the District noting the supplement from the Operating fund to further support the Student Support Services department.

She also reviewed and answered common questions as well as noting the upcoming DPAC roundtable evenings where more information on inclusive education and Student Support Services would be shared.

**13. BCSTA UPDATE**

**BCSTA Provincial Council Representative: Board Chair Grayston**

Board Chair Grayston reported that she attended the BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Chairs call on February 12<sup>th</sup> and will be attending the following upcoming events:

- February 20<sup>th</sup> BCSTA Provincial Council meeting;
- February 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch meeting in Oliver; and
- February 25<sup>th</sup> BCSTA joint sector call on the Board Policy Review report.

**14. BCPSEA UPDATE**

**BCPSEA Representative: Board Chair Grayston**

Board Chair Grayston reported that she attended the BCPSEA Board Chair Call on February 12<sup>th</sup> regarding provincial bargaining, with another call scheduled for February 27<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that she attended the BCPSEA AGM on January 29<sup>th</sup>, which was held virtually.

**15. QUELMÚCW EDUCATION COUNCIL UPDATE**

**Trustee: Tennile Lachmuth**

Trustee Lachmuth reported on the staff appreciation dinner for the Indigenous Education staff, hosted by the Quelmúcw Education Council, that she attended on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. She noted that the next Council meeting is scheduled for March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**16. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**17. TRUSTEE REPORTS**

Trustee VanBuskirk acknowledged the schools who participated in the LASS Unplug & Play events and Valley's tournaments. She also reported on the City of Salmon Arm Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting she attended on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Trustee Gennings reported on the District Art Fair at Piccadilly Mall, the girls hockey tournament in Salmon Arm this past weekend, and acknowledged the tragic event in Tumbler Ridge and the long-term effects on the community.

Board Chair Grayston reported that the Salmon Arm-Inashiki Twinning Committee is expecting a small group of students coming in August. She also reported on the Carlin PAC meeting she attended.

**18. QUESTION PERIOD**

*The Board welcomes questions of a general nature, but the primary purpose of the "Public Question Period" is to ask questions about the Board's policies or operations.*

*Question Period is not a platform for presentations or personal statements.*

Questions were received and answered regarding CUPE SIA funds and enrolment.

**19. UPCOMING DATES / EVENTS**

BCSTA Provincial Council (virtual) – February 20, 2026

BCSTA Thompson-Okanagan Branch Meeting – February 20-21, 2026 – Oliver, BC

Pink Shirt Day – February 25, 2026

Regular Board Meeting – March 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Corryn Grayston  
Board Chairperson

**Certified Correct:**

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Jeremy Hunt  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

**The Board of Education of School District No. 83  
(K̄wsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcú'ecw)**

**Summary** of an In-Camera Board Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 83 (K̄wsaltktnéws ne Secwepemcú'ecw), on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the District Education Support Centre.

**Present:**

C. Grayston	Board Chairperson	D. Kriger	Superintendent
A. Krebs	Vice-Chairperson	J. Hunt	Acting Secretary-Treasurer
B. Gennings	Trustee	M. Guillou	Assistant Superintendent (HR)
T. Lachmuth	Trustee	C. Prince	Assistant Superintendent (Ind. Ed/St. Supports)
M. VanBuskirk	Trustee		

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairperson Grayston acknowledged that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**2. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

Board Chairperson Grayston opened the meeting with the acknowledgment that the Board holds its meeting on the traditional and unceded land of the Secwépemc people. Chair Grayston noted that, due to illness, she would chair this in-camera meeting and Vice-Chair Krebs would chair the February Regular Board Meeting.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – CHANGES / ADDITIONS**

Motion:

*That the Board of Education adopt the February 17, 2026, In-camera Board Meeting Agenda, as amended.*

**CARRIED.**

**4. ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**A. In-camera Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2026**

Motion:

*That the Board of Education adopt the January 20, 2026, In-camera Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.*

**CARRIED.**

**B. Special In-camera Meeting Minutes – January 26, 2026**

Motion:

*That the Board of Education adopt the January 26, 2026, In-camera Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.*

**CARRIED.**

**C. Special In-camera Meeting Minutes #2 – January 26, 2026**

Motion:

*That the Board of Education adopt the January 26, 2026, In-camera Board Meeting Minutes #2, as presented.*

**CARRIED.**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING**

None

**6. LAND/LABOUR/LAW**

The Board received an update on two labour matters.

**7. LABOUR RELATIONS – COMMITTEE REPORT**

Board Chair Grayston reported that the committee did not meet in February.

**8. OTHER**

The Board received an update on two other matters.

**9. UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS**

In-Camera Board Meeting – March 10, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. @ DESC  
Regular Board Meeting – March 10, 2026 – 6:00 p.m. @ DESC

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

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Corryn Grayston  
Board Chairperson

**Certified Correct:**

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Jeremy Hunt  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

**The Board of Education of School District No. 83  
(Kwáaltktnéws ne Secwepemcú'ecw)**

**Summary** of a Special In-Camera Board Meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 83 (Kwáaltktnéws ne Secwepemcú'ecw), on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, via Microsoft Teams Meeting.

**Present:**

C. Grayston	Board Chairperson	D. Kriger	Superintendent
B. Gennings	Trustee	J. Hunt	Acting Secretary-Treasurer
T. Lachmuth	Trustee	M. Guillou	Assistant Superintendent (HR)
M. VanBuskirk	Trustee		

**Excused Regrets:**

A. Krebs Vice-Chairperson – *conflict of interest*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chairperson Grayston acknowledged that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY**

Board Chairperson Grayston opened the meeting with the acknowledgment that the Board holds its meeting on the traditional and unceded land of the Secwépemc people.

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – CHANGES / ADDITIONS**

Motion:

*That the Board of Education adopt the March 3, 2026, Special In-camera Board Meeting Agenda, as presented.*

**CARRIED.**

**4. LAND/LABOUR/LAW**

The Board received information and discussed one labour matter.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Corryn Grayston  
Board Chairperson

**Certified Correct:**

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Jeremy Hunt  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer

March 3, 2026

To: School District 83 Board  
From: Bob Evans—Pastor in Sicamous  
Re: Community Use of Eagle Valley Secondary School

Dear Trustees,

I am writing in support of allowing private community functions to be held at Eagle Valley Secondary School in Sicamous.

As a long-time pastor in this community, I have seen firsthand how important it is for local groups to have access to suitable gathering spaces. Eagle Valley Secondary School provides the largest and most practical venue in Sicamous, and it plays a vital role in bringing people together a few times each year for community events.

On the occasions when private functions have included alcohol, they have been responsibly managed and have not resulted in disorder or damage. Our community has demonstrated that it can steward this privilege well. Denying access would significantly limit opportunities for positive community engagement, celebrations, and fundraising events that strengthen the fabric of Sicamous.

I respectfully ask the Board to continue allowing responsible, occasional private functions at the school. Doing so supports community connection while maintaining appropriate oversight and standards.

Thank you for your consideration and your service to our district.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bob Evans', written in a cursive style.

Pastor Bob Evans  
Sicamous Community Church  
Sicamous, BC

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March 4, 2026

School District 83 I  
341 Shuswap St S  
Salmon Arm, BC  
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Re: Rental Rates and Liquor Service at Sicamous High School Gymnasium

On behalf of the Sicamous & District Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to express concerns regarding the recent increase in rental rates for the use of the Parkview Elementary School and Eagle River Secondary school gymnasiums, as well as the ongoing restrictions on serving liquor at community events taking place there.

The Chamber represents a wide range of businesses, including many non-profit organizations comprised primarily of dedicated volunteers. Many of these individuals grew up in Sicamous, attended the very schools in our community, and now give back tirelessly to make Sicamous a vibrant place to live and work.

As you know, Sicamous has very limited space for meetings and events. The high school gymnasium has always been an integral hub for our community—not only for students but for residents of all ages. Non-profit organizations rely on hosting events in this space to raise the essential funds needed to sustain their operations and provide valuable services to our community.

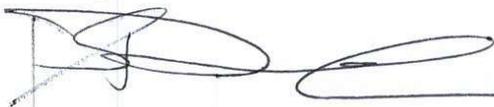
With the recent increase in rental rates, it is becoming increasingly difficult for these organizations, already operating on limited budgets, to access the gymnasium for their events. Additionally, the inability to serve liquor (where proper licensing and controls are in place) further restricts the potential for successful fundraising and community engagement.

We respectfully request that School District 83 reconsider both the increase in rental rates and the policy regarding liquor service at after-hours events. Allowing responsible, permitted liquor service—alongside reasonable rental rates—would greatly enhance the capacity of our local groups to host successful events that benefit all of Sicamous.

Our non-profit sector is the heart of our community, powered by volunteers who have deep roots here. The high school is not just a place of learning, but a gathering place that should remain accessible and supportive of the community that built it.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working together to ensure the ongoing vitality and inclusivity of Sicamous.

Sincerely,



Samantha Dunnett-President of the Sicamous & District Chamber of Commerce

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**Fwd: Support letter school board**

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**From** siobhan rich  
**Date** Wed 2026-03-04 7:39 AM  
**To** Veronica Deacon

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Councillor Baillie  
**Date:** March 4, 2026 at 7:35:04 AM PST  
**To:** Councillor Rich  
**Subject: Support letter school board**

Dear Trustees SD83

I'm writing to you today as an owner of 2 businesses, a town councillor and an active citizen and volunteer in my town of Sicamous. Everyone in our small-town wears multiple hats, we multi-task, we do more than one thing because that's how things work in smaller communities. Like our citizens many of our facilities have often multi-tasked as well, they have been essential for our events, our celebrations of life, they represent so of our happiest and saddest memories- they are integral to our community.

The Gym at Eagle River Secondary school has been a central multi-functional venue for Sicamous. It has anchored our school to our community in a way that unique in smaller towns. No one argues that the school shouldn't be used for educating our children first and foremost, but it can also serve the community in a broader way as well. We can have our community rally around the goals of excellent education while using the facilities for our largest events; this provides much needed extra revenue to the board while strengthening the connection between the community and our school as an integral part of Sicamous.

As an elected official myself there are sometimes rules that get made that look good on paper but do damage. The unintended consequence of policy often comes after its implementation, and we need to recognize that and course correct. In my opinion a total ban on legal and regulated alcohol use is bad policy that limits the facilities use and negatively impacts several of our community events that have happened throughout the years during after school hours. I urge you to repeal this blanket ban and instead put into place rules that must be followed for proper and responsible use. Requirements for all the permits and insurance will protect the school district from liability while allowing well organized and responsible community groups to continue to use the gym at Eagle River Secondary. We all support our schools and having people view them as essential community hubs only serves to deepen this connection for all.

Thank you

Ian Baillie  
Owner G&G Kitchen and Tap  
Narrows Smokehouse  
Councillor District of Sicamous

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March 3, 2026

ATTN: Board of Education  
School District No. 83 (North Okanagan–Shuswap)

**Re: Letter of Support – Eagle River Secondary School: Rental**

Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the District of Sicamous Development Corporation (DOSDC), I am writing to express our support for maintaining the gymnasium at Eagle River Secondary School as a community-rentable facility where events may include liquor service, provided all required insurance, permits, and approvals are in place.

The Eagle River Secondary School gymnasium plays an important role in the social and economic life of Sicamous. At present, it is the only indoor venue in the community capable of hosting gatherings of more than 200 people. As such, it serves as a vital space for community dinners, celebrations of life, fundraising events, and other large gatherings that bring residents together. Without access to this facility, many of these events would have limited options within the community.

From an economic development perspective, the availability of a venue of this size is also important to Sicamous' ability to host larger meetings and events. Community organizations, regional groups, and visiting sports teams often require facilities that can accommodate larger audiences for banquets, awards ceremonies, and conferences. Access to a venue like this helps Sicamous remain competitive in attracting these gatherings, which in turn support local businesses including accommodations, restaurants, and retail services.

We recognize that decisions regarding event approvals—particularly where liquor service may be involved—remain at the discretion of the School District. The DOSDC fully supports responsible use of school facilities and the requirement that all event organizers meet appropriate insurance, permitting, and safety standards. Maintaining the option for approved events to include liquor service simply ensures that the facility remains practical for the types of community and regional events that typically require it.

In a small community like Sicamous, shared use of public facilities is essential. Thank you for considering this perspective. We appreciate the School District's ongoing commitment to supporting the broader community.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the DOSDC Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carly Procyshyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carly Procyshyn, Executive Director  
District of Sicamous Development Corporation  
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To the Trustees of School District 83,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Red Barn Arts Centre in Sicamous, we are writing to express concern regarding the recent decision to prohibit the use of school gymnasiums for non-school functions where liquor is involved.

As a non-profit society, we proudly operate the Red Barn Arts Centre and regularly host parties, weddings, celebrations, performances, and community gatherings. Our facility has a maximum capacity of 125 people. While we are able to meet many local needs, we are not designed to accommodate major events, memorials, or celebrations that exceed that number.

The capacity gap between 125 and 250–300 attendees is significant in a small community. When gatherings exceed our fire code limits, there is no other community facility capable of safely hosting them.

The Sicamous high school gymnasium has historically filled that gap. It does not compete with our facility; rather, it complements it by ensuring that larger-scale events can remain in our community instead of forcing families and organizations to relocate to other towns.

Without access to the gymnasium for responsibly managed events, residents simply have no viable local option. Small rural communities like ours do not have large recreation centres or convention facilities. The school gymnasium is an essential community asset, and policies that significantly restrict its use have tangible consequences for families, service clubs, and community organizations.

We respectfully urge the Board to reconsider this restriction and to work collaboratively with rural communities to ensure that responsible, well-managed community events can continue to take place in school facilities where no other suitable venue exists.

Sincerely,

Eagle Valley Arts Council Board of Directors  
Tammy Brown , Kim Hyde, Marcia Oullette,  
Deborah Heap, Vreny Bieri, Sara Russell , Roxane Madsen

March 4, 2026

**Board of Education**

School District 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)  
PO Box 129, 341 Shuswap St. SW  
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2

**RE: Formal Opposition to AP 510, Clauses 19 & 20 – Community Use of Facilities**

To the Board of Trustees,

I am writing to you today in my capacity as the PAC President of Eagle River Secondary School and as a concerned ratepayer in the Town of Sicamous. I am formally expressing my opposition to the policy regarding the community's use of school facilities, specifically the restrictive language found in Administrative Procedure 510.

Eagle River Secondary is the largest building in our municipality. It serves as the primary physical and emotional focal point for our town, accommodating the recreation and social opportunities that sustain our community's well-being.

The current language in Clauses 19 and 20 creates significant uncertainty for local organizers. Clause 20, which requires a "formal application... to the Secretary-Treasurer to secure exemption," is inherently **subjective**. By allowing decisions to be based on interpretations or personal feelings rather than measurable standards, the District has made it nearly impossible for community groups to plan large-scale events with confidence.

The planning of such events is an immense undertaking. Any uncertainty regarding venue approval—especially concerning the legal consumption of alcohol at social functions—is a deterrent that threatens the success of local initiatives. Public policy should be **objective, unbiased, and verifiable**. An applicant should know, with certainty, that if they satisfy a specific set of safety and licensing criteria, their permit will be granted in a timely fashion.

I respectfully request that the Board revise AP 510 to remove the "exemption" model in favor of a **clear, non-subjective permit process**. Our school is a community asset; it must remain accessible to the people who fund it through a transparent and fair application process.

I look forward to your response regarding how the District intends to restore certainty for the residents of Sicamous.

Regards,



**John Krupa**

PAC President, Eagle River Secondary School

cc: Mayor and Council, District of Sicamous

**March 4, 2026**

**Board of Education**

**board@sd83.bc.ca**

**School District No. 83 (North Okanagan–Shuswap)**

**341 Shuswap St. S.W.  
Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2**

**Re: Facility Use Policy – Alcohol at Community Events**

**Dear Board Chair and Trustees,**

I am writing in advance of the March 10th Board meeting regarding the recent changes to the District’s facility use policy restricting alcohol at events held on school property.

I write as a former student of Parkview Elementary and Eagle River Secondary in Sicamous, a grandparent of six grandchildren currently attending schools within School District 83, and a long-time resident of the Shuswap. I also had the privilege of serving this region as MLA for the Shuswap.

During my time as MLA I worked closely with the District and the Province on a number of education matters affecting this region, and I have always valued the role that our schools play at the heart of our communities.

First and foremost, I fully support the Board’s responsibility to ensure that schools remain safe, respectful environments for students and families. That responsibility is fundamental, and it is not something anyone in our community would question.

The concern that has arisen in Sicamous relates to the recent change restricting alcohol at events held on school property.

From what has been shared publicly, it does not appear that this change was prompted by any specific incident or pattern of concern related to community events where alcohol was served under permit and supervision. If such concerns exist, it would certainly be helpful for the community to better understand them.

In smaller communities like Sicamous, school facilities are not just educational spaces — they are often the only large indoor gathering places available to the community. As a result, decisions related to facility use policies can have broader implications for community events and local fundraising activities that support families connected to our schools.

Historically, these types of events have operated under structured conditions, including formal facility rental agreements, Special Event Permits issued under provincial law, insurance coverage, and responsible beverage service requirements.

Many school districts across British Columbia continue to permit alcohol at community events under similar controlled frameworks.

The question before us is not whether alcohol should be freely permitted on school property. It should not. The question is whether a structured, controlled, and responsible framework could continue to allow community use of these spaces while maintaining appropriate safeguards.

I appreciate the Board's responsibility to set policy for the District, and I offer these comments simply to share the perspective of a community that relies heavily on its school facilities.

With that in mind, I respectfully ask that the Board consider either revisiting the recent policy change or amending it to align more closely with other school districts that permit alcohol at community events under strict conditions such as facility agreements, Special Event Permits, insurance requirements, and appropriate supervision.

Such an approach would continue to prioritize student safety while recognizing the practical realities of smaller communities.

In smaller communities like ours, schools are more than classrooms — they are gathering places that help hold our communities together.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Kylo

Sicamous, BC

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Fwd: THAnk you for your kind support!!

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**From** siobhan rich  
**Date** Wed 2026-03-04 1:58 PM  
**To** Veronica Deacon

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Sled Sicamous  
**Date:** March 4, 2026 at 10:04:31 AM PST  
**To:** siobhanrich  
**Subject: THAnk you for your kind support!!**

Dear School District 83,

On behalf of the Sled Sicamous / Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club, we would like to sincerely thank School District 83 for allowing us to use the school gymnasium for our annual Dinner and Auction. Your support in providing this space played a major role in the success of this year's event.

This year's Dinner and Auction was our most successful event to date, bringing together members of our community, local businesses, volunteers, and snowmobile enthusiasts in support of our club and the trail systems we maintain. Having access to a facility like the school gym makes a tremendous difference. It provides a welcoming space large enough to host our growing event while keeping it rooted in the heart of the community.

Events like this allow us to raise the funds necessary to maintain and improve our trail network, support safe winter recreation, and continue investing back into the local community. Spaces like your gymnasium make that possible, and we truly value the partnership and support from School District 83.

As a small gesture of appreciation, the club was pleased to donate \$1,000 to the graduating class in recognition of the school's support and the important role the school plays in our community.

Thank you again for helping make this event possible. We look forward to continuing this positive relationship and working together to support the Sicamous community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Sarah Moores & Board of Directors

Sled Sicamous / Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club

**Sarah Moores - General Manager**  
**Eagle Valley Snowmobile Club**



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**Fwd: Letter regarding the Eagle River Secondary School Gymnasium**

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**From** siobhan rich  
**Date** Wed 2026-03-04 7:56 AM  
**To** Veronica Deacon

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**From:** Councillor Rich  
**Date:** March 4, 2026 at 7:54:40 AM PST  
**To:** siobhanrich  
**Subject: Fw: Letter regarding the Eagle River Secondary School Gymnasium**

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**From:** Mike Miltimore  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 7:51:57 AM  
**To:** Councillor Rich  
**Subject:** Letter regarding the Eagle River Secondary School Gymnasium

To the Board Members of the School District,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the elimination of alcohol service in the Eagle River Secondary School gymnasium.

My perspective comes from a unique position. I own a full-service audiovisual company that operates throughout Western Canada, and our family business has been serving communities for over 51 years. In that time, we have worked in hundreds of venues of all types, and there are very few event spaces we have not helped set up or produce events in.

One of my primary concerns is that the Eagle River Secondary School gymnasium represents the largest gathering space available in our community. It plays an important role in allowing local organizations to host meaningful events that benefit the entire district. Recently, for example, we provided the audiovisual production for the Sled Sicamous fundraiser, which raised \$72,000 in support of community initiatives across the district.

Events of this scale are simply not possible in other venues within Sicamous. For many fundraising events, galas, and dinner-dance style gatherings, a responsibly managed bar service is an expected and important component of the overall experience. Without it, the viability of these events may be significantly reduced.

In many other communities we work in, there are successful partnerships between school districts and community organizations that allow spaces like school gymnasiums or shared theatres to be used responsibly for community events. A good example is the collaborative use of facilities such as the Sagebrush Theatre in Kamloops, where community benefit and responsible management coexist.

I respectfully encourage the Board to consider the broader impact on both the school and the community when making decisions about the use of these spaces. Rather than applying a blanket policy, there may be opportunities to evaluate each situation individually and ensure that responsible community events can continue to take place.

My hope is that there may be a path forward where the intent of the policy is respected while still allowing our community to host the kinds of events that bring people together and support important local causes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mike Miltimore  
Lee's Music Audio Visual

TOPS AV  
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March 4, 2026

School District 83 I  
341 Shuswap St S  
Salmon Arm, BC  
V1E 4N2

Re: Concerns Regarding Increased Gymnasium Rental Rates

On behalf of the Sicamous Eagles Junior Hockey Club, I am writing to express our concerns about the recent increase in rental rates for the use of school gymnasiums in Sicamous.

As a non-profit organization, the Sicamous Eagles provide young men with valuable opportunities to develop their hockey skills both on and off the ice. Our club is committed to fostering personal growth, teamwork, and athletic development. To support this, it is crucial that our players have access to appropriate spaces for team building, strength and conditioning, and a variety of off-ice activities such as basketball, floor hockey, and volleyball.

Unfortunately, our community has very limited options when it comes to available facilities for these important activities. The school gymnasium has long been a vital resource for our team, offering a safe and well-equipped space for training and team development. However, the recent increase in rental rates has made it increasingly cost prohibitive for our non-profit club to access this space, resulting in our players losing the opportunity to take part in these essential activities.

We respectfully request that School District 83 reconsider the recent rate increases for gymnasium rentals, especially for community-based, non-profit organizations like ours. Affordable access to these facilities is fundamental to the continued success and well-being of our players, and by extension, the broader Sicamous community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope to work together to ensure that young athletes in Sicamous have the resources and support they need to succeed, both on and off the ice.

Sincerely,

*Sheila Devost*

Sheila Devost-President/Governor  
Sicamous Eagles Junior Hockey Club

Sicamous Eagles Junior Hockey Club Box 934 Sicamous, BC V0E 2V0  
sicamouseagles.office@gmail.com

Fwd: LOS

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From siobhan rich  
Date Wed 2026-03-04 7:48 AM  
To Veronica Deacon

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Ali Watson  
**Date:** March 4, 2026 at 7:46:22 AM PST  
**To:** Siobhan  
**Subject:** LOS

March 4, 2026

School District No. 83 (North Okanagan–Shuswap)  
Board of Education

Re: Community Use of Eagle River Secondary School Gymnasium

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Sicamous Ferry Society, we would like to express our strong support for allowing community events held at the Eagle River Secondary School gymnasium to include permitted alcohol service under appropriate licensing and supervision.

Sicamous is a small community with limited facilities capable of hosting large gatherings. The Eagle River Secondary School gymnasium is the only indoor venue in our community that can comfortably accommodate events of 200 or more people. For decades, this space has played an important role in bringing our community together for funerals, celebrations, fundraising events, dances, and other important gatherings.

Organizations such as ours rely on this facility to host events that help support local initiatives, raise funds for community projects, and strengthen community connections. Without access to a space of this size, many of these important events simply could not take place in Sicamous.

When alcohol service is included, it is always done responsibly and in accordance with provincial regulations, including obtaining the appropriate Special Event Liquor Licences, ensuring trained serving staff, and maintaining safe and respectful environments for all attendees.

The continued ability to host licensed community events in the Eagle River gymnasium helps ensure that local organizations, volunteers, and residents have a place to gather, support one another, and celebrate important milestones together.

We respectfully ask School District 83 to continue supporting responsible community use of the Eagle River Secondary School gymnasium for events that may include permitted alcohol service.

Thank you for your consideration and for supporting the needs of our small community.

Sincerely,

Ali Watson  
Sicamous Ferry Society  
Sicamous, British Columbia

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**Sicamous Snowmobile Club**  
Sicamous, British Columbia

March 5, 2026

School District No. 83 (North Okanagan–Shuswap)  
Salmon Arm, BC

**Re: Letter of Support – Use of Eagle River Secondary School Gymnasium for Community Events**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Sicamous Snowmobile Club, we would like to express our strong support for allowing the Eagle River Secondary School gymnasium to continue hosting community events where alcohol service may be permitted under proper licensing and supervision.

Sicamous is a small community that depends on shared public spaces to bring people together. The Eagle River gymnasium is one of the only venues in our area capable of safely accommodating large gatherings of 200 or more people. For decades it has been used for a wide variety of community events including fundraisers, dances, celebrations, memorials, and other important gatherings that strengthen our community.

Most recently, the Sicamous Snowmobile Club hosted a fundraising event on **February 14**, and the use of the Eagle River gymnasium was a major benefit to the success of that event. Quite simply, we would not have been able to host the fundraiser without access to this space. The gymnasium allowed us to safely welcome a large number of attendees and create an enjoyable evening that supported our club and the many activities we provide for the community and visiting snowmobilers.

Organizations like ours rely on venues such as this to host events that help raise funds, support local initiatives, and bring residents and visitors together. During the winter season in particular, Sicamous welcomes snowmobilers from across the province and beyond. Having a suitable space for community functions allows clubs and volunteer groups to showcase our hospitality and create memorable experiences that support both tourism and local fundraising efforts.

We believe that with proper permitting, responsible service, and adherence to provincial liquor regulations, these events can continue to operate safely and respectfully. Allowing the gymnasium to be used in this way supports the many non-profit groups, service organizations, and community clubs

that rely on it.

The Sicamous Snowmobile Club fully supports maintaining the long-standing tradition of using the Eagle River Secondary School gymnasium as a central gathering place for community events.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Sicamous Snowmobile Club**  
Sicamous, BC



# SD83 Early Learning Update



<b>Jennifer Findlay</b> Director of Instruction Early Years & Elementary	<b>Allison de Boer</b> District Vice Principal Early Learning & Child Care
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**SD83 Board Presentation  
March 10, 2026**

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## SD83 Early Learning Initiatives

StrongStart	ECE in Kindergarten	Ready, Set, Learn
Kindergarten Transitions	Roots of Empathy	Community Early Years Partnerships
Seamless Day Pilot Program	Just B4 Pilot Program	ECE Dual Credit Program



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### SD83 Early Years Programs & Supports 2025-26

Area	School	Strong Start	Ready, Set, Learn	Roots of Empathy	K Orientation	ECE Kindergarten Support	Seamless Day	JUST B4	Child Care (District & Third-Party Partnerships)	School-Age Child Care Notes & Opportunities	Community Supports
Salmon Arm & Area	BAS		✓		✓	✓			Multiple third-party school-age care providers pick-up from school	Supported with third-party pick-up.	
	DESC	✓									
	HIL		✓		✓	✓			Multiple third-party school-age care providers pick-up from school	Supported with third-party pick-up.	
	NCA		✓	✓	✓	✓			Canoe Kids Adventure Club- Before & After School Care (opened Jan 2024) Preschool planned to open 2026-27	Supported with current on-site third-party provider.	
	RAN		✓		✓					Explore third-party pick-up. 2027-28 will move from K-8 to K-7, space for on-site third-party may be available.	
	SAW		✓		✓	✓				Explore third-party pick-up. 2027-28 will move from K-5 to K-7, space for on-site third-party unlikely.	
	SBR	✓	✓		✓	✓			Multiple third-party school-age care providers pick-up from school	Supported with third-party pick-up.	
	SCA		✓	✓	✓	✓				2027-28 will move from K-8 to K-7 & space for on-site third-party may be available.	
	SCR		✓		✓	✓	✓		Seamless Day Before & After School Care	Last year for SDK. Explore third-party for 2026-27.	
SMS											
North & South Shuswap	CAR		✓		✓	✓				2027-28 will move from middle school to French K-7 & space for on-site third-party likely will be available.	
	NSH		✓		✓				North Shuswap Childcare Society- Before & After School Care & Preschool. New Spaces Application submitted (IT & 3-5) was not accepted (2024-25), will re-submit when applications re-open.	Supported with current on-site third-party provider.	
	SOR		✓		✓	✓			Shuswap Explorers After School Child Care	Supported with current on-site third-party provider.	SEY2KT table (ongoing despite end of Ministry funding)
Sicamous & Area	PAR	✓	✓ Parkview & Malakwa	✓	✓	✓			Malakwa Preschool in former Malakwa School. Kids Kingdom third-party school-age care provider picks up from school.	Supported with third-party pick-up.	Sicamous & Malakwa Interagency Committee Early Childhood Development Committee Early Years Fair
Enderby & Area	GRI				✓	✓				Currently no available space. Explore third-party pick-up.	Enderby & Area Early Years Committee
	MVB	✓	✓		✓	✓			Enderby Preschool Society (school age care, group child care: IT, 3-5, multi-age) Additional third-party school-age care providers pick-up from school (Thrive, Roots & Wings)	Supported with current on-site third-party provider & pick-up from other providers.	Enderby Early Years Fair
Armstrong & Area	AES		✓		✓	✓			Armstrong Play School Association (preschool) Additional third-party school-age care providers pick-up from school (BGCO, Kidspace). Submitted New Spaces Application. No response.	Supported with third-party pick-up & expansion of Kidspace school-age care program.	North Okanagan Early Years Council Armstrong Falkland Early Years Community Engagement Group
	FAL	✓	✓		✓	✓				Currently no available space. Explore third-party pick-up.	North Okanagan Early Years Fair
	HPE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	JUSTB4; Little Seedlings Daycare (school age care, group child care, IT, 3-5, multi-age). BGCO third-party school-age care provider picks up from school (located in SD83 former Gateway Building). Kidspace third-party school-age care provider also picks-up from school.	Supported with current on-site third-party provider, pick-up from other providers & expansion of Kidspace school-age care program.	

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## Early Learning & Child Care (ELCC)

- We are extremely grateful for the Ministry of Education and Child Care's funding to support a District Vice Principal of Early Learning & Child Care



Ministry of  
Education and  
Child Care

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# StrongStart

- We currently have full-time StrongStart programs in the following locations: DESC, SBR, PAR, MVB, HPE, and FAL
- We are grateful to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for the \$2,000/program top-up in 2025-26
- Despite the top-up, we still need to supplement the funding needed for StrongStart programs from other Early Learning Special Purpose funds (which means a reduction in service levels for some other Early Learning initiatives)



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## Early Childhood Educators (ECE) 2025-26



Program/Initiative	Schools	Hours per Week
StrongStart	DESC, SBR, PAR, MVB, HPE, FAL	120
Seamless Day	SCR	60
JUSTB4	HPE	8
ECE in K (StrongStart Educator top-up)	SCA, PAR, HPE, FAL	40
ECE in K (3 educators)	BAS & HIL, SOR & CAR, AES & HPE	90
Indigenous ECE in K (3 educators)	NCA & GRI, SBR & SAW, MVB	60

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# ECE in Kindergarten



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## Seamless Day Pilot Program

Silver Creek Elementary

2022-23 (first year of pilot)

2023-24

2024-25

2025-26 (final year of pilot)

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# Just B4 Pilot Program 2025-26

Highland Park Elementary



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## Roots of Empathy

Mission is to build caring, peaceful, and civil societies through the development of empathy in children and adults.

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# Supporting the Transition to Kindergarten

Ready, Set, Learn

Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten Gradual Entry

Community Connections



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## Community Early Years Partnerships

SEY2KT Sorrento

Early Years Tables

Early Years Fairs

Collaborative Professional Learning

Third-Party Child Care Partners



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# ECE Dual Credit Program



## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR DUAL CREDIT PROGRAM- FAQ



### What is dual credit?

- Students can take post-secondary courses while still in high school
- They earn the post-secondary credits AND elective credits at the Grade 12 level
- It's free! Includes courses and textbooks  
\*\$30 Okanagan College (OC) application fee not included; contact your career centre for questions and support

### What courses will I take?

- Through our partnership with Okanagan College (OC), students enroll in 3 ECE courses:
  - ECDE 113- Child Development (60 hrs)
  - ECDE 122- Health, Safety & Nutrition (60 hrs)
  - ECDE 124- Guiding & Caring (60 hrs)

### Format for course delivery?

- Students complete one course at a time
- Online, synchronous, Tuesday & Thursday evenings
- In-person every other Saturday (Salmon Arm / Revelstoke with potential virtual option)

### How do I enroll?

- Contact your career coordinator
- Course selection, including selection for the ECE Dual Credit program, begins in late February/early March for September program start

### Entry requirements?

- Current grade 11 or 12<sup>+</sup> student
- Completion of English 12, or registered for English 12 in fall 2024

\*age restrictions may apply, talk to your career coordinator for details

### Supports Available?

- Career Education Coordinator
- School Counsellor

- School District Early Learning Lead

- Okanagan College instructor (for course-specific support)

- For students who have IEPs, support is available through Okanagan College's Accessibility Services Department <https://www.okanagan.bc.ca/accessibility-services>



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# Priorities for 2026-27

- Review Ready, Set, Learn model to enhance engagement; particular focus on our rural communities & those without StrongStart programs
- Explore underutilized spaces & opportunities for child care partnerships with third-party providers
- Work collaboratively with communities and schools to explore new opportunities to strengthen relationships and transition between early years and school years
- Partner with our Indigenous Education Department to create a Kwsalktnéws ne Secwepemcúl'ecw Kindergarten welcome book
- Explore ways to continue and increase ECE in Kindergarten support



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**BRIEFING NOTE**

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**TO:** The Board of Education **DATE:** March 10, 2026  
**FROM:** Michelle Guillou, Assistant Superintendent (HR)  
**RE:** **District Calendar for School Year 2026-2027**

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**Background**

This draft calendar is presented to the Board of Education for review and consideration. It has been shared with the SD83 Leadership Team and key stakeholder groups, and public feedback was gathered through an online survey conducted from January 21 to March 4, 2025, on the District website.

The proposed school year begins with a full non-instructional in-service day for all employees on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Students will return on Wednesday, September 9, 2026, for a gradual start half-day. The in-service day provides staff with dedicated time to advance work related to the Strategic Plan and prepare for the year ahead. Feedback from staff last year reaffirmed the importance of maintaining the half-day gradual start, as it supports effective class organization following morning classes with students.

Winter Break is scheduled to begin on Monday, December 21, 2026. As in previous years, the District aims to align break dates with neighbouring school districts whenever possible.

The calendar was co-developed by the District Calendar Committee, which includes members of the Senior Leadership Team, Principals and Vice-Principals, and NOSTA representatives. As required, the finalized calendar must be submitted to the Ministry of Education and Child Care by March 31 each year.

**Recommendation**

That the Board of Education approve the draft District calendar for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michelle Guillou*

Michelle Guillou  
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

## DRAFT SD83 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

July						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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August						
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September						
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27	28	29	30			

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October						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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November						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

20 / 20

December						
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27	28	29	30	31		

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January						
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20 / 19

February						
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March						
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28	29	30	31			

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April						
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May						
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30	31					

20 / 19

June						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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*(Operational Days / Instructional Days)*

	Statutory Holiday (or in lieu day)
	School Vacation Periods
	Professional Development Day (K-12)
	Non-Instructional Day (K-12)
	Early Dismissal Day (K-12)
	Conferencing Day (Elementary/Middle Only)
	Semester Transition Day (Secondary only)



**BRIEFING NOTE**

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**TO:** The Board of Education **DATE:** March 10, 2026  
**FROM:** Jeremy Hunt, Acting Secretary-Treasurer  
**RE:** **2026 School Trustee Elections – Appointment of Election Officers**

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**Purpose**

To appoint the Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officers for the upcoming 2026 General School Trustee Election.

**Information**

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<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Section 58 (1) of the *Local Government Act* requires the appointment of a chief election officer and a deputy chief election officer for the purposes of conducting an election. Their function is to appoint all other election officials needed to administer and conduct the election, and to ensure that the election takes place effectively and in accordance with the law.

The responsibility for the appointment of election officials is dependent upon who is legally required under section 37 of the *School Act* to conduct the trustee election.

Where the board of education conducts the trustee election [*School Act*, section 37 (3)], it must appoint a chief election officer and a deputy chief election officer for each trustee electoral area. There is no statutory impediment to the appointment of the same persons in each area, and they can be board officers or employees.

Where a municipality is required to conduct a trustee election under section 37 (1) or (2) of the *School Act*, the municipally appointed chief election and deputy chief election officers serve in those positions for the trustee election [*School Act*, section 46 (3)].

Where a municipality or regional district conducts a trustee election under an agreement with the board of education, the agreement should specify who appoints the chief election officer and the deputy chief election officer. If the agreement provides for these two election officers to be appointed by the board of education, they may be the persons appointed by the local government. [*School Act*, section 38 (4)]

**2026 School Trustee Elections**

Under section 37 (3) of the *School Act*, the board will be conducting trustee elections for Trustee Electoral Areas 1, 2 and 3. As such, a Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officers are to be appointed for these elections.

The City of Salmon Arm will be conducting trustee elections for Trustee Electoral Area 4 under section 37 (1) of the *School Act*; therefore, the City of Salmon Arm’s appointed Chief Election Officer and Deputy Chief Election Officer will serve in those positions for the trustee election.

## **Recommendation**

*That the Board of Education appoint the following Election Officers for the 2026 School Trustee Elections:*

### ***Trustee Electoral Area 1***

***(City of Armstrong, Township of Spallumcheen, CSRD Electoral Area D)***

*Chief Election Officer – Veronica Deacon*

*Deputy Chief Election Officer – Jeremy Hunt*

*Deputy Chief Election Officer – Heather Morris*

### ***Trustee Electoral Area 2***

***(City of Enderby, CSRD Electoral Area E, District of Sicamous, RDNO Electoral Area F)***

*Chief Election Officer – Veronica Deacon*

*Deputy Chief Election Officer – Jeremy Hunt*

*Deputy Chief Election Officer – Heather Morris*

### ***Trustee Electoral Area 3***

***(CSRD Electoral Areas C, F, & G)***

*Chief Election Officer – Veronica Deacon*

*Deputy Chief Election Officer – Jeremy Hunt*

*Deputy Chief Election Officer – Heather Morris*

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeremy Hunt*

Jeremy Hunt  
Acting Secretary-Treasurer