



Media Release

Highlights of October 21, 2025 Board Meeting

Presenter – Brendan Turner, Decolonizing Library Resources

Mr. Turner presented a power point which showcased the efforts in the district to decolonize library resources. SD 52 has a large population of Indigenous students, and it is important that our libraries reflect our population. Authentic Indigenous resources are important for all students, not just Indigenous students. It is important to have equitable access for all students, regardless of systemic barriers. There has been an increased focus on the authenticity of resources and improved verification practices. The district implemented an Indigenous – focused grad requirement. Increased focus has been on the SD52 Teacher-Librarian working group as well.

Vice-Chair Maier expressed *"Our staff go above and beyond to support student learning, Mr. Turner's presentation on the efforts to decolonize our library resources is a wonderful example of the thoughtful, forward-looking work happening in our schools."*

Upcoming projects/Learning/Other

Superintendent Andrew Samoil provided a summary of recent school activities and upcoming events in the school district.

During Truth and Reconciliation week, both staff and students actively engaged in learning about the history and lasting impacts of residential schools at all schools in the district. At CHSS, they created a powerful gallery showcasing the learning from this week and a commitment to ongoing education throughout the year. On Monday, September 29th, classes had the opportunity to observe, and participate in, performances with the Git Waas Student Drum Group and look at the gallery of student learning displayed in the multi-purpose room.

Volleyball, Cross Country and Soccer teams have been active with travel and students have been playing well at CHSS and PRMS.

All elementary schools hosted turkey lunches for students and staff during the week of Oct 6-10th.

Students from the UNBC teaching program are visiting classrooms to observe.



Foundation Skills Assessments are starting for grade 4 students and will be completed by November 10.

Great Shake-Out (Earthquake drills) occurred on October 16th, throughout the district.

In support of the Automotive heavy mechanical course at CHSS, staff met with Trigon and CMC representatives. They agreed on an initial spend of dollars in support of the automotive program at CHSS and agreed on future meetings to revise the Coastal Pathways partnership and to explore ways to offer a variety of trades and trades related programs to the broader community.

There will be an open house for the proposed childcare facility to be built beside Lax Kxeen Elementary School.

Seismic update of PRMS: Repair was made to sewer line, and the project continues to take shape and is on time and on budget. Concrete foundations are complete and upward construction will begin. The school is expected to be open September 2027.

Early Learning & Child Care

Kindergarten teachers and early years educators will be invited to meet in early December to collaborate and plan for early learning programs and initiatives in our district. These include: Ready Set Learn, SEY2KT (Strengthen Early Years Kindergarten Transitions), an Early Years Fair, Welcome To Kindergarten. This year Kindergarten teachers will complete the EDI (Early Development Instrument). Research shows the ages of birth to 6 years are the most critical developmental stages for cognitive, communicative and social emotional capacities. Building strong connections and relationships between community programs for pre-school and kindergarten children and educators is a key factor for school readiness and success.

Policy Committee Work

The Board of Education approved two policies for distribution to the district's partner groups for their review and comment:

6330 – Role of the Secretary-Treasurer Policy
1120 – French Immersion Policy



The Board of Education appreciates input on proposed policy changes from all district partner groups.

Upcoming Events

Oct 24, 2025	Professional Development Day
Oct 24, 2025	Provincial Council
Oct 28, 2025	Public Meeting for New Childcare
Nov 4, 2025	Board of Education Meeting, Elections
Nov 8, 2025	Indigenous Veterans Day
Nov 11, 2025	Remembrance Day
Nov 13-25, 2025	BCSSA
Nov 18, 2025	Board of Education Meeting

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