School District 8
Kootenay Lake

MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC
MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026

Board:
S. Chew, Chair
J. Bremner, Vice-Chair *(via video conference)*
M. J. Blackmore
K. Etheridge
A. Gribbin
S. Nazaroff
M. Shunter
L. Trenaman
D. Lang

Student Trustees:
M. Andersen, LVR *(via video conference)*
L. Catherall, KRSS *(via video conference)*
L. Chevalier, MSSS *(via video conference)*
J. Lamoureux, JVH *(via video conference)*

District Staff:
T. Smillie, Superintendent
C. MacArthur, Secretary-Treasurer
L. Carriere, Director of Aboriginal Education
B. Eaton, Director of Instruction - Innovative Learning
J. Tichauer, Assistant Superintendent
H. Kerr, Executive Assistant
C. Singh, Director of Human Resources
M. Mobbs, District Teacher Coordinator – Literacy, 4-12
T. Malloff, District Principal – Innovative Learning

Regrets:
C. Kerr, Director of Operations

1. **Call to Order**
   The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory**
3. **Changes to the Proposed Agenda**
   Addition: Item 12A - Trustee Vacancy
4. **Consent Package Questions** - Nil
5. **Adoption of Agenda**

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 26/27-011
THAT the Agenda for this October 13, 2026 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.
The motion carried unanimously.

6. **Receiving Public Presentations** – Nil
7. **Comments or Questions from the Public regarding items on this Agenda** - Nil
8. **Adoption of Minutes**

   UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 26/27-012

   THAT the minutes from the September 8, 2026 Meeting of the Board Held in Public **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

   The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Future and Action Item Tracking**
10. **Education** – Reports from the Superintendent

    A. Literacy Continuous Learning Report 2026-2027

    District Principal Malloff presented the Literacy Continuous Learning Report for 2026-2027, which reviewed student literacy trends and outlined the supports, resources, and goals underpinning the district's commitment to literacy success for all learners from kindergarten through grade twelve. She reported that action items were prioritized for Indigenous learners, learners with diverse abilities, children and youth in care, and English language learners, and were aligned with the priority areas in the September 2026 Enhancing Student Learning Report. Superintendent Smillie noted that the data showed areas of student growth as well as persistent differences in outcomes, particularly for Indigenous learners and students with disabilities and diverse abilities and highlighted the district's continued work to strengthen a coherent approach to literacy assessment, instruction, professional learning, and intervention.

    Clarification was offered regarding how learning plans are developed for both individual needs and classroom needs, how learning strategies are chosen by classrooms and teachers, and how classroom profiles assist in creating coherent plans.

    B. Remembrance Day Schedule 2026

    Trustees were informed that Remembrance Day is on November 11, 2026 and school assemblies will happen on November 10, 2026. Invitations from principals will be sent to trustees.

    C. Support for Inclusive Education

    Assistant Superintendent Tichauer presented an overview of the process for determining Ministry category designations for students with disabilities and diverse abilities, and for allocating inclusive education supports and resources in the district. It was reported that the district follows Ministry policy to support inclusion, and that students are supported according to their needs regardless of designation or funding. The roles of classroom teachers, principals, inclusion support teachers, and education assistants were reviewed, along with the use of annually updated Individual Education Plans.

Assistant Superintendent Tichauer and Superintendent Smillie described how supports for kindergarten and new students are offered in a timely manner, what designations are determined by school psychologists, and what designations are determined by health care providers.

11. Operations and Finance – Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer

A. Final Enrolment and Budget Implications

Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur reported on final enrolment as determined through the 1701 verification process (to be finalized later in October) and the resulting budget implications. Total enrolment of 4,508.3641 student FTEs was consistent with projections but 115.1359 FTEs (2.5%) lower than in September 2025, continuing a decline since September 2023. She noted that unique student enrolment exceeded projections by 30 FTEs, with Inclusive Education and Indigenous Education above projected levels and English/French Language Learners below projected levels.

Secretary-Treasurer MacArthur explained that the operating grant was estimated at $47.7 million, compared with $47.5 million originally projected, owing largely to higher funding for unique student enrolments. As a result, the district would not receive the funding protection supplement that had originally been projected.

B. Amended Capital Budget Bylaw 2026-2027

Once a year the ministry approves the minor capital bylaw. This is a second approval. This is for the additional funds for the Salmo Elementary HVAC project.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 26/27-013

THAT the Board of Education proceed to conclude three readings in one evening for the School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Capital Plan Bylaw No. 2026/27-CPSD8-02.

The motion carried unanimously.

UPON a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED:** 26/27-014

WHEREAS in accordance with section 142 of the School Act, the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) (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 Amended 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 project(s) and proceed diligently and use its best efforts to complete each 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 Amended 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 August 24, 2026, is hereby adopted.

2. This Amended Capital Bylaw may be cited as School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) Capital Bylaw No. 2026/27- CPSD8-02."

READ A FIRST TIME the 13th day of October 2026;

READ A SECOND TIME the 13th day of October 2026;

READ A THIRD TIME, PASSED the 13th day of October 2026.

The motion carried unanimously.

12. Governance and Policy

A. **Trustee Vacancy**

There will be a Trustee vacancy on the Board following the election on October 17, 2026. The Ministry will appoint a person using the process outlined in the Trustee Appointment Guidelines.

The District will work closely with the Ministry to determine the required steps for the appointment.

13. Human Resources – Nil

14. Trustee Verbal Reports

A. Student Trustees

- Student Trustee Catherall (KRSS) reported that clubs and school teams were active, with increased participation following the arrival of the new grade eight students. The Student Council had begun planning events. They also highlighted expanded course

options, early university application activity for graduating students, and new environmental initiatives, including the Green Team's courtyard project and a planned charity art auction in November.

- Student Trustee Anderson (LVR) reported that the Terry Fox fundraiser run exceeded its $2,000 goal, raising $2,600. The yearbook committee had begun planning the layout, and the Anti-Racism Working Group had doubled in size following its first orientation. The rugby team had started its final season. Representatives from Alberta universities had visited, with British Columbia universities to follow. A university event for Grade 11 and 12 students was scheduled in the school gym, and the first parent graduation meeting was planned for the upcoming week.
- Student Trustee Lamoureux (JVH) highlighted the Terry Fox Run organized by the leadership class, which raised approximately $800, an Orange Shirt Day assembly, a Thanksgiving turkey trot, and a new intermediate cross-country team. Primary students participated in a salmon spawning field trip and a community garden harvest, with the potatoes donated to the food hub. High school students sold pies made from donated apples and prepared Bannock for their primary buddies. It was reported that the school's goal was to increase K-12 cross-grade activities, with the senior and junior parliaments working together to plan school-wide events.
- Student Trustee Chevalier (MSS) highlighted a Monday run club focused on personal goals rather than competition, as well as returning clubs including Drama, Chess, Green Team, Pride, and a juggling club. Graduating students were preparing post-secondary and scholarship applications as early admissions began, with the first round of applications for the Loran Scholarship due October 15th. The Careers Life Education class will travel to Kelowna and Kamloops next week to visit post-secondary institutions, returning Wednesday evening.

B. Trustees

- Trustee Trenaman reported attending Truth and Reconciliation Day activities at Redfish Elementary School and noted the pleasure of seeing students wearing orange shirts. She also attended the wEC gathering with the Board of Education earlier in the day and acknowledged the KRSS students who prepared lunch for the meeting. She also attended the Student Leadership Conference and acknowledged the hard work and leadership of students.
- Trustee Bremner expressed gratitude to people of Nelson, to the Board and district staff and families for their support. She stated that it is important work and believes that all involved in public education are here because they care.

- Trustee Nazaroff attended the Student Leadership conference last week and was pleased with the topic on AI and digital safety. She was also impressed with the student panel discussion.
- Trustee Lang attended the wEC gathering and the Student Leadership Conference and was so impressed by the level of work for leadership. Attended provincial level meeting between the BCPSEA and BCSTA. Has been campaigning and going to all candidate meetings and responding to DMs and emails, etc.
- Trustee Blackmore attended the Student Leadership Conference, enjoyed the lunch with the Student Trustees, attended the community corn huskers picnic at Canyon Lister Elementary School, and attended Adam Robertson Elementary School Truth and Reconciliation Ceremony with Josie Fullarton.

C. Chair
- Chair Chew attended the student leadership conference. She was interviewed by students and was impressed by the questions that were presented. She also attended the meeting with wEC earlier in the day and expressed her excitement for the work that will continue based on these discussions.

D. British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA)
- Shared a piece from the BCSTA bulletin regarding another school district successfully having a new school built in their district.

E. British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) - Nil

F. District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC)
- Inaugural meeting is on October 22, 2026

G. Other

15. Comments or Questions from the Public - Nil

16. Meeting Schedule and Reminders

A. Board Meetings

The next Meeting of the Board held in Public is scheduled for November 10, 2026.

17. Adjournment

This meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

[redacted] Board Chair

[redacted] Secretary-Treasurer