
Board Chair Angie Delaine acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the traditional and unceded territory of the Northern Secwepemc People.

On March 10, 2025, the Board of Education for School District 27 held its monthly meeting. We've created this summary to keep families, caregivers, and community members informed about important updates, developments, and decisions.

1. Kukpi'7 (Chief) Sellars of Williams Lake First Nation is touring the schools in the District, sharing accessible Indigenous stories and inspiring students through his books [*Dipnetting with Dad*](#) and [*Hockey with Dad*](#).
2. The Indigenous Education Department is leading an initiative where local elders will teach students the Honour Song for the territory on which each school is located, and will start a journey of sharing a District drum set in which each drum has an image that represents a local First Nation community.
3. The annual Indigenous Role Model contest has 30 contestants, among the highest participation ever, and the crowning ceremony is set for May 22; SD 27 will participate in the Okanagan Mainline Regional Indigenous Education (OMRIE) Student Summit 2025 in May where Indigenous youth leaders will focus on the theme of mental health; and Indigenous students in grades 10 to 12 are invited to take a field trip to Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops campus, in April.
4. The District's educators are engaging in ongoing professional learning and certification with the Outdoor Council of Canada. We're building capacity around planning, preparing, leading and embracing wilderness excursions with students as place-based and experiential outdoor learning experiences that are enjoyable and safe.
5. The Provincial School Outreach program made its initial visit to SD 27 in March, holding discussions with leadership around enhancing safe and caring school communities. The program, which provides a multi-disciplinary team of specialists who provide in-person and virtual support, prioritizes services for school districts in rural and remote regions.
6. SD 27 continues to engage in national recruitment to attract educators to District schools.
7. The Canucks Organization and the BC Lions brought floor hockey and messages about responsible stewardship and tips to save energy to some schools in the District.
8. The Board has approved the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 District Calendars and they'll soon be available on the SD 27 website; and the Board gave final approval for international field trips this month to Costa Rica, and a few European countries, including Italy and Greece.

9. The first wave of [rider registration](#) for the 2025/2026 Transportation System is open. Registration features a simplified new online process that provides registration receipts. Registration is not connected to the MyEd system. Paper registration is also available.
- Wave 1 registration, for eligible riders, is open through April 30.
 - Wave 2 registration runs from May 1 to July 6.
 - Wave 3 registration, for courtesy rider applications, runs from July 6 to September 30.

Funding Updates

The Board has approved the third and final reading on School District 27's amended balanced budget for the current 2024/2025 school year.

Next Board of Education Meeting – Monday, April 28, 2025

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