

**MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD IN PUBLIC
AGENDA**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM PST

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM MST

In person: School Board Office, 811 Stanley Street, Nelson BC

Via video conference: [Zoom](#) - Webinar ID: 657 3277 9733 – Password: 495118

1. Call to Order

2. Acknowledgement of Aboriginal Territory

We acknowledge, respect and honour the First Nations in whose traditional territories the Kootenay Lake School District operates and all Aboriginal people residing within the boundaries of School District No. 8.

3. Changes to the Proposed Agenda

4. Consent Package Questions (p. 3)

App. 4

5. Adoption of Agenda

Proposed Resolution:

THAT the Agenda for this January 14, 2025 meeting **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

6. Receiving Public Presentations – Nil

7. Comments or Questions from the Public regarding items on this Agenda

The public may post comments or questions in the Q&A area on the webinar. These will be read aloud during the meeting.

8. Adoption of Minutes (p. 14)

App. 8

Proposed Resolution:

THAT the minutes from the December 10, 2024 Meeting of the Board held in public **BE ADOPTED**, as circulated.

9. Future and Action Item Tracking (p. 19)

App. 9

10. Education – Reports from the Superintendent

A. Online Learning Continuous Learning Report 2024-2025 (p. 20)

App. 10A

B. Kindergarten Registration for 2025-2026 (p. 36)

App. 10B



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (KOOTENAY LAKE)

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE PACKAGE

JANUARY 14, 2025

ITEM	DATE
1. Letter from Minister of Education to Board Chairs re: Establishment of Ministry of Infrastructure	Dec. 16, 2024



Board Meeting	Resolution #	Resolution Summary	Resolution	Assignment	Action Taken w/ Date	Complete
Resolutions in Progress						
February 26, 2019	18/19-092	Properties Sell or Defer	<p>WHEREAS there are nine Board owned properties under consideration for sale in the existing 2016-2026 Facilities Plan, which the Board has previously resolved to sell;</p> <p>WHEREAS the Board is currently in the process creating a new facilities plan (the "2019-2029 Facilities Plan"), for which it is currently consulting with stakeholders and has contracted Baragar Systems to provide long-range enrolment projections and demographic analysis;</p> <p>Moved by Trustee Lang , seconded by Trustee Chew:</p> <p>NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED</p> <p>THAT in line with past Board resolutions, the following property interests be sold forthwith:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Former Crawford Bay maintenance yard; 2. Retallack land; 3. Former Yahk Elementary, and; 4. Ymir Land; <p>THAT the sale of the following property interests be deferred until the Board adopts the new 2019-2029 Facilities Plan:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Former Al Collinson Elementary; 2. Former Gordon Sargent Elementary; 3. Kin Park in Creston, and; 4. Salmo tennis court & pool land 	Secretary-Treasurer	As of April 2023, the following properties have not sold: - Former Crawford Bay maintenance yard; - Retallack II; - Ymir Land - Salmo Tennis Court & Pool Land	In Progress
Standing Resolutions						
Resolutions for Repeal or Replacement						
Completed Resolutions						
December 10, 2024	24/25-030	KBB Motion Building - Advocate for DPAC Director's Insurance funding	THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide targeted funding to school districts to financially support District Parent Advisory Councils to access Director's insurance; and THAT this proposal be brought forward to the BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch meeting for consideration for a motion to be brought forward to the BCSTA.			Complete
December 10, 2024	24/25-029	KBB Motion Building - Advocate for DPAC coordinated parent advocacy program funding	THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide targeted funding for school districts to financially support District Parent Advisory Councils in developing and facilitating a coordinated parent advocacy program; and THAT this proposal be brought forward to the BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch meeting for consideration for a motion to be brought forward to the BCSTA.			Complete
December 10, 2024	24/25-028	KBB Motion Building - Advocate for Climate Action and Sustainability Curriculum	THAT the Board of Education of School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care for the development of Provincial Climate Action and Sustainability Curriculum; and THAT this proposal be brought forward to the BCSTA Kootenay Boundary Branch meeting for consideration for a motion to be brought forward to the BCSTA.			Complete
December 10, 2024	24/25-027	Adoption of Minutes	THAT the minutes from the November 12, 2024 Meeting of the Board held in public BE ADOPTED, as circulated.			Complete
December 10, 2024	24/25-026	Adoption of Agenda	THAT the Agenda for this December 10, 2024 meeting BE ADOPTED, as circulated.			Complete
November 12, 2024	24/25-025	Adoption of Minutes	THAT the minutes from the October 8, 2024 Meeting of the Board held in public BE ADOPTED, as circulated.			Complete
November 12, 2024	24/25-024	Adoption of Agenda	THAT the Agenda for this November 12, 2024 meeting BE ADOPTED, as circulated.			Complete
October 8, 2024	24/25-023	Send letter to all provincial candidates	THAT the Board of Education send a letter with these 3 questions to candidates and that the results are published on the district website.			Complete
October 8, 2024	24/25-022	Rescind Policy	THAT policy 910 BE RESCINDED.			Complete
October 8, 2024	24/25-021	Approve Policy	THAT policy 140 BE APPROVED.			Complete
October 8, 2024	24/25-020	Approve Policy	THAT policy 120 BE APPROVED.			Complete



From: Trish Smillie, Superintendent
Date: January 14, 2025
Subject: Online Learning Continuous Learning Report 2024-2025

For Information

Introduction

This memo provides an overview of the [Online Learning Continuous Learning Report](#), reflecting the strategic priorities for online learning in School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) (SD8) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Background

In alignment with the British Columbia mandate for public education, our district is steadfast in its commitment to enhancing online learning opportunities through our strategic plan, which supports equitable, diverse, and continuous learning experiences.

The report celebrates the successes of SD8's online programs, Elev8 DESK and Elev8 Homelinks, which have been instrumental in providing flexible learning options that cater to the varied needs of our students, including those from Indigenous backgrounds and learners with diverse abilities. It highlights our progress in expanding course offerings and promoting inclusivity within our online learning environments.

The Elev8 DESK program has experienced a significant increase in cross-enrollment figures, reflecting its growing reputation as a flexible and accommodating option for students. The Elev8 Homelinks program effectively implements blended learning instruction, emphasizing the importance of parental involvement and tailored educational pathways.

Looking ahead, the report outlines our district's future plans to adhere to the Ministry's revised guidelines and to continue prioritizing strategic initiatives that will foster an environment conducive to online learning.

As we move forward, SD8 remains dedicated to supporting the academic journey of our students by building upon their strengths, celebrating their achievements, and ensuring that every learner is equipped to become an educated and connected citizen.





FUTURE DIRECTIONS

3. Provide a welcoming and inclusive learning experience for all. SD8’s strategic plan for education encompasses an inclusive mission, vision, and values which guides Elev8 DESK and Elev8 Homelinks. Both programs are committed to meeting the needs of all learners by incorporating inclusive teaching practices. Access to assistive technologies and support are provided to learners with diverse abilities as needed.
4. Develop a clear vision for each program, Elev8 DESK and Elev8 Homelinks. As both programs fall under the Provincial Online School, as of September 2023, the uniqueness and identity of each needs to be explored and defined. By outlining student services, programming and methodologies for each, we aim to achieve increased efficiencies and enhanced learner experiences.
5. Increase public awareness of the Elev8 program and its offerings. We plan to undertake a public awareness campaign to draw positive attention to Elev8’s offerings, aiming to increase enrolment. This campaign will employ advertising, social media, word of mouth and other channels to spotlight the strengths of our program.





CONCLUSION

SD8 is committed to providing inclusive, caring, and quality learning opportunities for all learners, preparing them for lifelong learning and career opportunities. With the new designation of being a Provincial Online School, new possibilities await. Developing, expanding and analyzing Elev8 aligns with the 2024–2029 SD8 Strategic Plan to encourage lifelong learners that are ready for life post-graduation.

SD8 strives to be the first choice for online learners around the province, offering quality, inclusivity and diversity in its programming.



FROM: Trish Smillie, Superintendent
DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: Kindergarten Registration for 2025-2026

For Information

Introduction

This memorandum provides an overview of the kindergarten registration process for the 2025-2026 school year in School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake)(SD8).

Background

Kindergarten registration assists with school planning and district budget planning processes. Kindergarten registration for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year opens on January 6, 2025. Children who turn 5 by December 31, 2024, are eligible to enrol in kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year.

Caregivers must register their child at their neighbourhood catchment school.

[SD8 Policy 410 \(School Choice and Catchment\)](#) and [Administrative Procedure 3101 \(School Choice, Student Transfer, and Catchment\)](#) provide relevant definitions, describe the SD8 school catchment areas, provide information about school registration, and outline the application for transfer process for families who would like have their child attend a school other than their catchment school.

Information

SD8 kindergarten registration is advertised through local media and is posted on the [SD8 website](#) and all SD8 elementary school websites. In addition, local child care programs, StrongStart programs, and West Kootenay Child Care Resource and Referral (WKCCRR) are provided with information about kindergarten registration.

During the months of January through March, elementary schools provide their kindergarten enrolment projections to the district office to assist with SD8 planning processes.

SD8 provides opportunities for families to learn about kindergarten at their catchment school. In May or June 2025, each elementary school will host a **“Welcome to Kindergarten” event** to welcome incoming kindergarten families. During this open house, each child who has registered for kindergarten and their caregivers have an opportunity to meet the kindergarten teacher and school principal and familiarize themselves with the school. Each family also receives items to support school preparedness, including the pamphlet: [Kindergarten - Let’s Get Started](#).



In addition, each elementary school creates a short video “storywalk” about their school which is sent to incoming kindergarten learners. The video includes photos of the school such as the kindergarten classroom, library, gymnasium, school bus location and playground. The video storywalk can be viewed at home by the family and helps familiarize children and their families with their school.



Provincially, the transition to kindergarten is supported by the child-friendly [When I go to Kindergarten](#) document, the parent/caregiver [Full Day Kindergarten Program Guide](#), the Ministry of Education and Child Care’s [Support the Transition to Kindergarten](#) information page, and the [Kindergarten Curriculum Guide](#).

SD8 staff strive to ensure children and their families enter kindergarten each September with confidence, anticipation, and excitement. Assisting families with the registration process as well as hosting kindergarten transition open house events and individual school/family meetings help to ensure a seamless transition to kindergarten each year.



FROM: Cathy MacArthur, Secretary-Treasurer
DATE: January 14, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 - 2026 Budget Development Process

For Information

Introduction

This memorandum provides information on the 2025 - 2026 Budget Schedule.

Background

An internal and public consultation process is undertaken to identify budget priorities. The district incorporates those priorities into the preliminary operating budget as directed by the Board. By June 30th each year, the Board must adopt a budget for the upcoming school year.

Information

The public budget consultation process for the 2025-2026 school year is scheduled to commence on March 12, 2025. The schedule is outlined in the table below.

Date	Time	Meeting	Meeting Description/Tasks	Attendees/Responsible	Location
March 12, 2025	n/a	Surveys to KLPVPA, Students & Public	Invitation to comment. Preliminary Draft Budget Posted Online.	Public, Partner Groups and Students	Online Survey & Invitation to Comment
April 8, 2025	9:00PM – 3:00PM	Board Working Session	Preliminary Draft Budget Review.	Trustees	Board Office & Zoom
April 22, 2025	11:00AM – 12:30PM	Indigenous Education Council, KLPVPA, CUPE, KLTF, DPAC	Focused Draft Budget Discussion.	Trustees, Senior Staff & Partner Groups	Board Office & Zoom
April 22, 2025	1:00PM – 2:00PM	Policy, Operations & Finance Partner Advisory Committee Meeting	Preliminary Draft Budget Review.	Trustees, Senior Staff & Committee Members	Board Office & Zoom
April 24, 2025	6:00PM – 7:30PM	Public Webinar	Presentation of Updated Budget, Survey Results, Public Q&A.	Partner Groups & Public	Zoom Webinar
May 13, 2025	1:30PM – 2:30PM	Policy, Operations & Finance Partner Advisory Committee Meeting	Superintendent's Recommended Budget.	Committee Members	Board Office & Zoom
May 13, 2025	5:00PM – 7:00PM	Meeting of the Board Held in Public	Superintendent's Recommended Budget. Planned Readings 1, 2 & 3 of Budget Bylaw.	Trustees	Board Office & Zoom

