



Rocky Mountain School District **BOARD OF EDUCATION** Highlights from the May 2025 Meeting

PRESENTATIONS

Composting in Kimberley Schools • Ms. Sarah DeRuiter, Learning Services Teacher at Lindsay Park Elementary School presented on a pilot project to introduce a composting program to Kimberley area schools. Initiative falls under “Stewardship for the Future” in the Board’s Strategic Plan. With the current efforts, staff are at capacity for current program. Participating classrooms would have garbage/recycling/compost with central location in hallways which will be managed by the custodial teams 1-2 times a week. City of Kimberley would pick up bins. The Board thanked Ms. DeRuiter for her presentation.

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

Third Reading • Trent Dolgopol, Director of Instruction

Policy 2700: Acceptable Use of Digital Technology was approved at the third readings. Policy has been updated online to reflect this new version.

Second Reading • Steve Wyer, Assistant Superintendent

Policy 6300: Use of District Facilities and Equipment by Staff. After discussion on wording, the board approved tabling the second reading in favour of more dialog at the next Policy Committee Meeting. Please visit the [Policies Under Review](#) webpage to review the policy and provide comments.

First Reading • Steve Wyer, Assistant Superintendent

Policy 5250: Student Attendance. Mr. Wyer introduced a new policy on Student Attendance. Please visit the [Policies Under Review](#) webpage to review the policy and provide comments.

Bylaw I: Procedural Bylaw • Aaron Callaghan, Superintendent

Mr. Callaghan introduced this bylaw amendment which would introduce “Indigenous Education Governance” as a standing agenda item at regular Board of Education meeting. The Board elected to have three readings at the meeting and this bylaw amendment passed. [Updated Bylaw I: Procedural Bylaw here.](#)



OPERATIONAL ISSUES

School Fees 2025-2026 • Steve Wyer, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Wyer presented the updated School Fees for the upcoming 2025-2026 School Year. The board approved.

Golden Secondary School Outdoor Academy • Steve Wyer, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Wyer presented the GSS Outdoor Academy report and stated that the BAA for this program was approved in the past. The board approved.

REPORTS

Budget Update • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Mr. Rice provided a summary of the Budget Update Report and highlighted some reasons for the deficit and also actions taken by the district to save funds. Summary of Public Consultation Survey also reviewed. Plans to share updates with staff and the public in the future.

Superintendent's Monthly Update • Aaron Callaghan, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Callaghan reviewed the [Superintendent's Monthly Update](#) which highlighted stories from around the district.

Indigenous Education Report • Trent Dolgopol, Director of Instruction

Mr. Dolgopol summarized the Indigenous Education Report. Mr. Dolgopol recognized the work of Jenny Reid and the Indigenous Education Support Workers in all schools.

Student Attendance Report • Steve Wyer, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Wyer summarized the Student Attendance Report. Attendance Policy at first reading referenced.

Budget Utilization Report • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Mr. Rice reviewed the Budget Utilization Report prepared and shared key highlights. Mr. Rice highlighted the Budget Consultation Process is live with a survey. Information is on the district website and the survey is open until April 30, 2025.

April Field Trip Report • Steve Wyer, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Wyer reviewed the Field Trip Report for April 2025 as prepared.

BC School Trustees Association • Scott King, Trustee

Trustee King shared an update via email to Trustees.

BC School Trustees Association, Kootenay Boundary Branch • Rhonda Smith, Trustee

No updates at this time.

BC Public Schools Employers Association • Jane Thurgood Sagal, Trustee

Trustee Thurgood Sagal shared an update via email to Trustees.



UPCOMING DATES

2025.05.19	Victoria Day (statutory holiday)
2025.06.03	Labour Relations Committee, Virtual 12:30 p.m.
2025.06.03	Policy Committee, Virtual 4:30 p.m.
2025.06.10	Board of Education Meeting, Nicholson Elementary School <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-Camera, 4:45pm• Regular Meeting, 6:00pm
2025.06.10	Kimberley Alternative School Grad, Nordic Club Lodge, time TBC
2025.06.14	Selkirk Secondary Grad Ceremony, 3:00pm
2025.06.17	KZ: Retirement & Recognition – Trickle Creek Lodge, 4:30pm
2026.06.17	Open Doors Alternative School Grad, CPR Lodge (TBC), time TBC
2025.06.19	GZ: Retirement & Recognition – The Island Restaurant, 4:30pm
2025.06.19	Golden Alternative School Grad, Bowling Alley, time TBC
2025.06.24	WZ: Retirement & Recognition – Beginnings Restaurant, 4:30pm
2025.06.25	Golden Secondary Grad Ceremony, 7pm
2025.06.26	David Thompson Secondary Grad Ceremony, 4pm
2025.06.26	Last Day of Class for Students

Tickets for the Retirement & Recognition Events available on [SchoolCash!](#)