



BOARD BUSINESS

Miracle Beach Elementary Inclusion Rainbow

April 2025

BOARD MEETING IN REVIEW

Below are the key highlights from the April 22 meeting.

CUPE Childcare Presentation

Representatives from CUPE 439 presented a proposal to expand public childcare services by establishing additional facilities within the district. Their request focused on supporting before- and after-school care.

French Programming Update

An update on the district's French programs was provided, highlighting student enrolment, cultural initiatives, and supports for non-French-speaking learners. The presentation emphasized the range of programming available and the importance of supporting language learning across all grade levels.

Strategic Plan Implementation

Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Morrow shared progress on the district's strategic priorities, including the development of school growth plans and departmental planning for the upcoming school year.

Local Education Agreement Update

Associate Superintendent Joe Heslip presented on the Local Education Agreement with K'ómoks First Nation. The presentation focused on communication protocols, student supports, and data-sharing improvements to strengthen collaboration.

Amended Budget 2024-2025 and Capital Planning Update

The Board reviewed financial updates, including a projected year-end surplus and an increase to the district's operating grant from the Ministry of Education. Trustees received the Q3 financial report and approved the 2025-26 Capital Plan and Capital Bylaw. The Annual Facilities Grant update includes a focus on improving playground accessibility and exploring solar energy installations.

GP Vanier Playfields - Cricket Pitch Concerns

The Superintendent provided a follow-up on recent changes to the layout of the rugby and cricket fields at G.P. Vanier Secondary to improve student safety. A long-term solution is being explored to address field size and buffer concerns.

The Board of Education acknowledges that we are on the traditional territories of the K'ómoks First Nation. We would like to thank them for the privilege of living on their land and the gift of working with their children.

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Comox Valley Schools



First Comox Valley Schools Mountain Bike Enduro Race at Cumberland

Board Chairperson Update - Michelle Waite - č̣č̣haθ̣ēč̣

Comox Valley Schools announces election of Board Chair, Vice

We are nearly through our second month of students engaging in learning, exploring, and settling in with their peers. April has been filled with fall colours, cross-country events, and our continued efforts to promote compassionate, connected, and personalized learning for all.

We have launched a public engagement process to consider proposed changes to the catchment boundaries for Brooklyn, Valley View, Aspen Park, and Airport elementary schools for the 2025-26 school year. This initiation Forum on April 2 for the MLA candidates from the two electoral areas that encompass the Comox Valley School District. It was valuable for the candidates to have the opportunity to answer questions focused on public education, and for our community to listen to their responses, helping to better inform the important decisions we make when casting our votes.

Board Members

Michelle Waite, Chairperson (Lazo North)
 Sarah Jane Howe, Vice Chairperson (Village of Cumberland)
 Susan L Leslie (Town of Comox)
 Janice Caton (City of Courtenay)
 Shannon Aldinger (City of Courtenay)
 Chelsea McCannel-Keene (Baynes Sound, Hornby & Denman Islands)
 Cristi May Sacht (Puntledge, Black Creek)





DISTRICT NEWS

April 2025 - Earth Day Garbage Sweep at Airport



Le Concours D'art Oratoire winners off to Provincials at SFU

Congratulations to the many students who excelled at Le Concours d'art oratoire, the prestigious French public speaking competition organized nationwide by Canadian Parents for French. The district-level competition saw winners chosen from among hundreds of participants from École Puntledge Park Elementary, École Robb Road Elementary, and Mark R. Isfeld Secondary.

Le Concours d'art oratoire challenges students to write and memorize speeches on topics of their choice, presenting them before judges who evaluate their expression, memorization, quality of French, depth of knowledge, and their responses to impromptu questions.

This year's competition was particularly special as it marked the first year of collaboration with the revitalized Comox Valley Chapter of Canadian Parents for French, which had previously been inactive for nearly a decade. This year's district winners earned the right to represent our district at the provincial competition on May 3 at Simon Fraser University's Surrey Campus.

We wish them the very best at provincials -- bonne chance!

130 riders hit the trails for the inaugural Comox Valley Schools Enduro Mountain Bike Race

Comox Valley Schools proudly hosted its inaugural High School Enduro Mountain Bike Race at Cumberland's Village Park, bringing together 130 student-athletes from Grades 8 through 12. Participants represented six school districts, some traveling from as far as the Gulf Islands, showcasing impressive skill, resilience, and camaraderie.

The race featured timed competitive stages interspersed with untimed transfer sections, covering trails such as New Vanilla, Field of Dreams, Old Vanilla, Middle Vanilla, and Vanilla Bottom. Safety was a priority, with well-marked routes and first-aid stations managed by dedicated volunteers. Congratulations to the top finishers!

Special thanks go to volunteers Mike Tunnah, Lisa Ludwig, Brett Whitehead, and teacher sponsor Jana Buckle. Comox Valley Schools also acknowledges Mosaic Forest Management, the Village of Cumberland, and the United Riders of Cumberland for their support. A heartfelt thank you extends to all parents and community volunteers whose contributions made the event an outstanding success.

