SCHOOL DISTRICT 63 (SAANICH)

EDUCATION DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE Report to the Board of March 12, 2025

Committee Members:	Trustee Silzer, Chair Trustee Vandall Trustee VanWell
Staff Support:	Carly Hunter, Director of Instruction, Learning & Innovation Paul McKenzie, Assistant Superintendent
Partner Representatives:	Leila Sinclair-Wise, SAA Kelly de Klerk STA – Kristen Sinats Candace Whitney, CUPE COPACS – regrets
Other Attendees:	Chair Dunford, Trustee Hickman, Trustee Elder & Mel Paas – Secondary Principal

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 3:00 pm

A. PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

1. A presentation by the Speech & Language Services in Saanich: Alison Fradette, Marta Macauly, Alyson Morril, Abby Brooks & Emily Fairbanks.

B. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No Items.

C. ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION

1. 2027/28 Proposed School Calendar

Motion:

The Committee recommends and I, Trustee Silzer move, That the Board forward the 2027/28 school calendar for public consultation for the dates March 13, 2025 to April 14, 2025.

2. 2025/26 Academy and Programs of Choice Fees

Motion:

The Committee recommends and I, Trustee Silzer move, That the Board approve the Academy and Programs of Choice Fees for the 2025/26 School Year.

D. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No Items.

E. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Save the Date Climate Action 'Celebration of Learning' Event: April 22, 2025 •
- International Schools Benefits Presentation Data Sharing around Strategic Plan Goals ongoing Student Voice Feedback ongoing AI Implementation (September)
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-	То:	Education Directions Committee		Paul McKenzie Assistant Superintendent
0	Subject	School Calendar 2027-28	Date:	February 27, 2025

Background/Rationale:

In June 2024, the Board approved School Calendars for 2025-26, and 2026-27. In annual conversation with School Districts 61 and 62, there is interest in continuing with approval of school calendars to allow us to project for three full years.

During December 2024 and January 2025, we met with School Districts 61 and 62 to discuss and align the proposed calendar where possible in preparation for district-based consultation. After the creation of the draft calendars, we met with partner groups (STA, CUPE, STA) to gather input and amendment recommendations. The prepared calendar submitted for consideration has been approved for review to the Education Directions Committee.

Context

School districts are required to submit a school calendar to the Ministry of Education for the following school year no later than March 31st of each year. As we have confirmed next year's calendar, we can submit subsequent year calendars in the summer for Ministry approval.

As per the attached School Calendar Regulation, the proposed school calendar must be made publicly available for consultation at least one month before the date it is to be submitted to the minister.

The attached school calendar for the year 2027/28 is proposed for public feedback and consultation from March 13th to April 14th, 2025. The timing allows the public to provide feedback, with time for the Board to consider the feedback, and, if necessary, adjust the proposed calendars prior to formally adopting the calendars at the May 2025 Board meeting.

The proposed calendars meet the following objectives and obligations:

- As per the Collective Agreement with the Saanich Teachers' Association, Spring Break must begin on the third Monday in March;
- For the 2013-2014 school year, the Board adopted a calendar with one week of spring break and a week of closure time, and subsequent Boards have maintained this model;
- The three local school districts (61, 62, and 63) try to align the school calendars as much as possible, in particular the spring break and closure weeks; and
- The number of non-instructional/professional development dates are balanced between semesters.



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Recommendation

That the Board forward the 2027/28 school calendar for public consultation for the dates March 13th to April 14th, 2025.

Submitted with respect,

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Paul McKenzie Assistant Superintendent

PM/skd Encl.

Statutory Reference

SCHOOL CALENDAR REGULATION

BC Ministry of Education Governance and Legislation Branch D-53 (amended September 26, 2023) Authority: School Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 412, ss. 87.01, 87.02 and 168.02

Prescribed information in school calendars

- 4 (1) For the purposes of section 87.01(3) (b) [school calendar] of the Act, the following information is prescribed in respect of a school calendar for a school that is not a distributed learning school:
 - a) subject to subsection (3), the number and dates of the days in session;
 - b) subject to subsection (3), the number and dates of each day of instruction;
 - c) the vacation periods and the dates of statutory holidays;
 - d) the dates of each non-instructional day;
 - e) the number of hours of instruction offered to students in each grade.

Consultations

5 (1) For the purposes of section 87.01 (7) [school calendar] of the Act, a board must make publicly available a school calendar that it proposes to submit to the minister under section 87.01 (5) or (6) of the Act at least one month before the date the school calendar must be submitted to the minister.

Saanich School District 2027/2028 DRAFT CALENDAR

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Vacation Period 🛛 🔲 Statutory Holiday

Saanich School District (63) School Calendar 2027-28

September 7, 2027	Schools Open
September 20, 2027	Non-Instructional Day
September 30, 2027	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
October 11, 2027	Thanksgiving
October 22, 2027	Non-Instructional Day
November 11, 2027	Remembrance Day
November 26, 2027	Non-Instructional Day
December 20, 2027 – January 3, 2028	Winter break
January 4, 2028	Schools reopen after winter break
February 18, 2028	Non-Instructional Day
February 21, 2028	Family Day
March 20-24, 2028	Spring break
March 27-31, 2028	School closure
April 14, 2028	Good Friday
April 17, 2028	Easter Monday
April 24, 2028	Non-Instructional Day
May 19, 2028	Non-Instructional Day
May 22, 2028	Victoria Day
June 29, 2028	Last day of instruction
June 30, 2028	Administrative Day

Semester Dates

September 7, 2027 – January 28, 2028	Semester One
January 31, 2028 – June 29, 2028	Semester Two

Days in Session (including September 7 and Non Instructional days; excluding June 30)

Semester 1 = 90 Semester 2 = 95 **Total = 185**

Days of Instruction (including September 7; excluding Non Instructional days and June 30)

 Semester 1 = 87
 Semester 2 = 92
 Total = 179



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To:	Education Directions Committee	Prepared E	By: Paul McKenzie Assistant Superintendent
Subje	ct: 2025/26 School Academy Fees and Programs of Choice	Date:	February 27, 2025

Context

Academy Fee Process

In accordance with the *School Act - Specialty Academies 82.1*, a board that offers a Specialty Academy must, before July 1st of each year:

- 1. Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the program is offered, and
- 2. Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees, and
- 3. Make the schedule of fees available to the public.

In order to meet this requirement Saanich School District have asked schools offering a Specialty Academy to complete an annual process:

- Reviewing academy fees for the subsequent year and, if required, provide rationale for any increase;
- Meeting with the school PAC members to obtain approval for the fees for the subsequent year;
- Preparing a letter for PAC member signatures;
- Submitting a copy of the signed letter to the Assistant Superintendent who will prepare a report for the Education Directions meeting; and (subject to Board approval); and
- Schools sharing Academy Fee information on their website by no later than June 30th.

Included in the Fees

Academy fees at each school support the following program costs:

Climbing:	Coach, equipment, busing.		
Hockey:	Coach, ice time and busing;		
<u>Judo</u> :	Additional instructor, guest instructors and mats;		
<u>Sailing</u> :	Sidney/North Saanich Yacht Club – Technical experience, provision of boats, equipment;		
Lacrosse:	Technical coach, field rental, busing, equipment;		
Aquatics:	Transportation and swimwear;		
<u>Golf</u> :	Green fees, golf professional, busing;		
Rowing:	Equipment rental, Technical coach, busing.		



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Communication

- Each academy has a tab on the school website under Programs, with a description of the course. Application packages are available, including fee structure information.
- Information is shared at the annual Open House event, and at school Info Nights.
- Details are shared in person at information sessions to Grade 8 students who are transitioning to Grade 9.
- No students are excluded due to hardship. Schools are able to reduce or waive fees for any student that is unable to pay. For some students, fees are waived each year.

Attached for reference is a summary of proposed fees for the 2025-26 academic year. Please note for this year, we have two proposed fee amendments:

- 1. Parkland recommends an increase of \$100 per course due to increased International Baccalaureate fees and to mitigate the impact of US dollar exchange rates.
- 2. Stelly's Climbing Academy proposed price increases for new (\$125) / returning (\$100) students to address increased cost pressures related to:
 - Staffing
 - Equipment
 - Field trip expenditures

PACs were provided with, and approved the proposed fee schedules. (see attached)

Recommendation:

That the Board approve the Academy Fees and Programs of Choice for the 2025-26 School Year.

Submitted with respect,

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Paul McKenzie Assistant Superintendent

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2025-26 Summary of Fees for Academies and Programs of Choice

<u>Academy / Program Name</u>		24/25 Annual Registration Fee	Proposed 25/26 Registration Fee	
CLAREMONT				
Lacrosse	(new student) (returning student)	\$1,400.00 \$1,250.00	\$1,400.00 \$1,250.00	
Aquatics		\$520.00	\$520.00	
Golf		\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	
Rowing	(new student) (returning student)	\$2,400.00 \$2,225.00	\$2,400.00 \$2,225.00	
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Climbing Acad	emy (new student) (returning student) (new student) (returning student)	<u>Year</u> \$1,300.00 \$1,200.00 <u>Semester</u> \$800.00 \$700.00	\$1,425.00 \$1,300.00 \$900.00 \$750.00	
PARKLAND				
Hockey Acade	my	<u>Sem1 Sem2</u> \$1000.00 N/A	<u>Sem1 Sem2</u> \$1000.00 N/A	
Judo Academy	,	<u>Year</u> \$750.00	<u>Year</u> \$750.00	
Sailing Acaden	ny	<u>Fall</u> \$200.00 <u>Spring</u> \$300.00	<u>Fall</u> \$200.00 <u>Spring</u> \$300.00	
International Baccalaureate		<u>Year</u> \$500.00 <u>Course</u> \$150.00	<u>Year</u> \$600.00 <u>Course</u> \$175.00	



Jan 21st, 2025

Claremont Sports Institute

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

b) The board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposed to offer the specialty academy, and

Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

- c) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
- d) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the **Claremont Sports Institute** as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Aquatics** is \$52.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$520.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

Signatures:

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- g) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
- h) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the **Claremont Sports Institute** as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Golf** is \$130.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$1300.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

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- b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the Claremont Sports Institute as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the Claremont Sports Institute - Lacrosse New is \$140.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$1400.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

The cost to students for participating in the Claremont Sports Institute - Lacrosse Returning is \$125.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$1250.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

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Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

- e) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
- f) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the **Claremont Sports Institute** as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Rowing New** is \$240.00 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$2400.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

The cost to students for participating in the **Claremont Sports Institute – Rowing Returning** is \$222.50 per month for a yearly fee (10 months) of \$2225.00. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

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Jan 15, 2025

Dear Parkland PAC

RE: Parkland IB Diploma Program

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

1. The board has consulted with the parents' advisory council for the school where the board proposed to offer the specialty academy,

Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

- 1. Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
- 2. Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the IB Diploma Program as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the full IB Diploma and IB Certificate program are:

Registration Fee - All IB Students	\$250 - Returned after Completion of Program	
Diploma Year 1	\$600 (Increased from \$500)	
Diploma Year 2	\$600 (Increased from \$500)	
Certificate Program Year 1	\$175 per Course (Increased from \$150) to a Max of \$600	
Certificate Program Year 2	\$175 per Course (Increased from \$150) to a Max of \$600	

The fee increase is due to the rising cost of IB fees and the weakness of the Canadian dollar as all fees are paid in American dollars. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship. Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

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Jan. 15, 2025

Dear Parkland PAC

RE: Parkland Sailing Academy (No Change in Fees)

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Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and

b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the **Sailing ACADEMY** as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the Sailing ACADEMY is \$200 for the fall season and \$300 for the spring season. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

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Dear Parkland PAC

RE: Parkland Hockey Academy (No Change in Fees)

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

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Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and

b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the Hockey ACADEMY as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the Hockey ACADEMY is \$1,000 for the first semester season. Consistent with district policy, no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

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Dear Parkland PAC

RE: Parkland Judo Academy (No Change in Fees)

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Section 82.1 (6) Before establishing a schedule of fees...a board must:

a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and

b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the **Judo ACADEMY** as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the Judo ACADEMY is \$750. Consistent with district policy. no student will be excluded due to hardship.

Proposed fees are subject to final approval by the Saanich Board of Education.

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January 20, 2025

Stelly's Climbing Academy

Section 82.1 (2) of the School Act states: "A board may offer a specialty academy if..."

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- a) Consult with the parents' advisory council for the school where the specialty academy is offered, and
- b) Obtain the approval of the parents' advisory council for the schedule of fees.

The following is the 2025-26 fee structure for the Climbing Academy as approved by our Parent Advisory Council:

The cost to students for participating in the Climbing Academy is the following:

\$1425 for New Full Year students\$1300 for Returning Full Year students\$900 for Half Year students\$750 for Half Year students

Signatures:

Kelly Hoffmann PAC Member Name

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<u>February 11</u>, 2025 Date

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