



Principal's Report to School Council

February 17, 2026

School Operational Update

Update on Portables Heating and Cooling

After several issues occurring with the furnaces in our portables, I am happy to report that CBE projects approved new furnace units in these classrooms. The furnaces were installed over the long weekend.

Staffing Updates

Ms. Paul has assumed a new role at Arbour Lake School and will now be providing additional support to our English as an Additional Language learners and to classroom teachers as they work to support language development across subjects. To support this transition, Ms. Williams has been hired to take over Ms. Paul's afternoon classes. Ms. Williams is familiar with our school community, having worked with us periodically in temporary contracts, and she brings strong experience working with Grade 7 students.

School Engagement

As we do each year, and as expected of all schools, we will be conducting an engagement session with School Council at our next meeting. This session will include a review of our School Improvement process as well as a discussion regarding school fees. The purpose of the engagement is to share information, gather feedback, and ensure transparency as we plan for the upcoming school year. We appreciate the partnership and input of our parent community and welcome your participation.

School Projections and Planning for 2026-2027

Last week I received our enrollment projections for next year. We are projected at 654 students versus our current enrollment of 722. Next year's utilization rate is projected to be at 81% versus our current 89%. With this information we will be planning the following:

Grade 6	5 Homerooms	- 123 students
Grade 7	5 Homerooms	- 147 students
Grade 8	6 Homerooms	- 165 students
Grade 9	6 Homerooms	- 174 students

(45 additional students in grades 7-9 enrolled in our two specialized programs of The Class and Literacy and Learning)

If our current funding model and overall financial allocations remain unchanged, we anticipate planning for a reduction of 3.0 FTE in teaching staff.

School Development Reporting 2026

Math Goal will be reported on next month. I had hoped to provide data for this meeting but we are just awaiting analysis of our learning cycle data.

School Events, Athletics & Extracurricular

School Events

- Semester 1 report cards will be available February 24th. Families are encouraged to regularly check PowerSchool, read school communications, and reach out to teachers with any questions or concerns. Report cards should never come as a surprise. Teachers will be in contact with families if students are not meeting basic grade level expectations.
- February 26 at 6:30PM is our Open House. This night is designed to give prospective families insight into our school. All current families are welcome to attend if they would like to come.

Athletics

- Our volleyball teams have now been competing for a few weeks. They've all experienced some success on the court and we are very proud of their hard work.
- Badminton will be our next varsity sport when the volleyball season has concluded.

Extracurricular Clubs

- Weekly lunch clubs are in full effect.
- Rehearsals for mainstage production of *Frozen* is in full effect as well.

