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School Membership Meeting
8:00 PM | CCES Gym



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The purpose of our parental Christian School is to educate our children to develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed for a life of responsible stewardship in God's Kingdom.

From the Chairman *Greg van Popta*

In a couple of weeks we'll be gathering together at our annual fall general meeting. At that meeting we'll be looking back and looking forward.

Looking Back (at our financial statements)

While promising you review of last year's financial statements might not be a big draw for our AGM, I will say that we do appreciate your inter-action with them – especially at a high (policy) level. We are trustees of your school, and we want to ensure that our practices are aligned with your expectations. You'll have noticed that in the past couple of years we've moved toward a practice of budgeting deficits, trying to be realistic about expected government grants, and sharing with you our intentions about asking for donations in order to keep tuition rates low for our young families.

Last year we intentionally budgeted a deficit on two assumptions:

- First, we rolled out the "Tuition Top-up Program", and we asked that you voluntarily donate to the school to make up half of that deficit. You did exactly that, and we're very grateful for your active participation.
- Second, we expected government grants to be higher than they told us to expect. It was, and again we're very grateful. Both the regular grant and the SpEd grant were higher than budgeted.

When added up, we covered our whole deficit and ended the year with a modest surplus. That surplus will be held in our reserve fund and will assist in meeting our month-to-month expenses. The timing of when our revenues come in doesn't always line up with the timing of when our expenses go out, so keeping a modest cash reserve

of a little over 6 weeks of expenses is, in our opinion, a prudent practice.

So, I invite you to come out and thank God with us for his provision. We'd also appreciate you sharing your opinions on how we can better manage our finances or encouraging us to stay on our current path.

Looking Forward (to our new board)

This year 3 board members are retiring: Weiming Liu, Jason Van Delft and I.

In their place, we'll be asking the membership to elect 2 new board members. The astute, will notice that that means our board will be shrinking by one. The board determined that its work could be done well with just 8 members, so in essence we are freeing up one of you to spend some more time with your family ... or perhaps serve our church and school on a different committee instead of serving on the school board.

And Looking Back Again (at our school's history)

This year marks 70 years since our first Canadian Reformed School was established in BC. A few of our current school administrators, teachers, community members and elder statesmen and women have been busy over the summer putting together a series of short videos reflecting on our history decade-by-decade. While these videos are being released, in first instance, at school assemblies throughout the year, we've secured the rights to have a special public screening of the first two videos at our AGM. So even if the financial statements aren't a big enough draw for you, pop some popcorn and come out for movie-night with us!

See you all on October 29!

From the Principal *Otto Bouwman*

We have already just experienced another Thanksgiving weekend. Thanksgivings are great opportunities to look back and reflect on the many ways that God has provided for us. In that regard, this year's Thanksgiving was no different than usual. For some, however, a first Thanksgiving without the presence of a loved family member can be a very different experience. May our heavenly Father surround and sustain all those who mourn; we think especially of the Wildeboer family. What is in life and death my only aid, my comfort, when I am by troubles swayed? I am not my own, but I belong to Jesus Christ.

A Smooth Start

Thankfully, the school year has begun smoothly. Regular protocols and routines have been established. Teachers have ensured that classroom instruction and learning is taking place and occasional field trips have begun. Cheery voices answer incoming phone calls and take care of myriads of front office details. Athletic activities after school have begun, thanks to the extra efforts of our athletic director and volunteer coaches. Bus drivers and parents have gotten used to our drop-off and pick-up protocols.

Evidently, for all of the above to happen, a great deal of communication, along with occasional flexibility, is needed. School staff members put substantial effort

into communicating clearly to your homes, and we're thankful when there's lots of evidence of home engagement and responsiveness.

Already next week all parents are being invited/encouraged to come to the school and meet with the teachers. The parent/student/teacher conferences are excellent opportunities to sit together, briefly review where things are at, and make plans for how to move forward together. In the weeks leading up to those conferences, all parents should have already been informally contacted by their child's teacher. Parents, have you taken the opportunity to communicate with the teachers and ensure that there is as much transparency and collaboration as possible?

Resources

I was recently (again) asked about a website that our librarians frequently consult as they do their work in our library. I thought I would pass it along again for all

those interested. This has proven to be a helpful resource for librarians in many of our schools around the country:

<https://reformedlibrarianstogether.blogspot.com/>

Another resource that is very helpful for me is other school principals. As I was requested to put an article together about a recent principals' conference which I attended, I'll also include it in this issue of *Branches*.

And finally, in the next month or so parents can expect another "Feeding Futures" letter. During the past two years parents have responded quickly to offers for free gift cards for the grocery store, courtesy of your provincial government. Please respond similarly again this year.

Thank you for your continued support, interest, and prayers.

National Principals Conference 2025 *Otto Bouwman*

The weather was spectacular, the fall colors brilliant, the camaraderie most enjoyable, the food and accommodations excellent, and our guest speaker did a fantastic job. From October 1 – 3, about 35 principals from across the country (and from the US) gathered at the Muskoka Bible Camp in Huntsville, ON, for another National Principals Conference.

The organizing committee welcomed participants: *"This conference is a wonderful opportunity to gather together with principals from other confessionally Reformed schools for a few days of mutual encouragement and professional development. As principals, you understand the critical role leadership plays in shaping and sustaining healthy organizations. Christian schools can thrive under faithful, wise, and mission-driven leadership. NPC 2025 has been designed to encourage and equip you as leaders to steward your calling with strength, humility, and vision."*

The theme of this year's conference, "Healthy Leadership for Thriving Schools," was unpacked for us by Dr. Justin Irving, Professor of Christian Leadership at the Southern Baptist Seminary. During his first lecture, Dr. Irving spoke of the character and commitment of healthy school leaders, explaining that this is necessarily the place that he needed to start, because a Christian leader needs to continually examine his/her own heart and motivation before all else. Character matters. Christian leaders need to be healthy – not just physically, but also spiritually, emotionally, relationally, and intellectually – in order to flourish and enable the organization they serve to

flourish. Effective leaders pay attention to their well-being, so that they in turn can be a blessing to those they lead.

During the next lecture, the speaker highlighted the critical importance of ensuring that the people on our teams are aligned. The people around us are our organization's #1 asset, so we do well to strive that all participants work in alignment with each other. He reminded us of the theology of work, and spoke of various types of leaders, exhorting us to be servant leaders and intentionally model servant leadership to those around us. Effective leaders look for character and mission alignment when they hire, and motivate, empower and hold accountable after they hire.

The third lecture explored the leader's role in stewarding mission and vision in organizational culture. The leader needs to have a deep level of commitment to the organization's mission and needs to "tell the story" repeatedly and persuasively to all the organization's stakeholders. Strategies need to be implemented so that the organization's culture aligns with the organization's mission.

During his final session, Dr. Irving spoke about how we need to lead our schools through crisis and change. Though our faithful God doesn't change, there are many times in life that change is required; in the days of Nehemiah a destroyed city needed to be rebuilt, and in our days changing technologies, for example, require us to do things differently than previously. Effective leaders

are deliberate in identifying what things may not change and what things must change; when change is required, deliberate and intentional strategies need to be implemented. Effective leaders are also deliberate in the context of a crisis; we were encouraged to display a calm and non-anxious disposition when under pressure.

During the lectures, our speaker frequently referenced appropriate Scripture passages, historical figures, authors, and university presidents. Not surprisingly, his own president, Albert Mohler, was referenced affirmatively. Though at times listening to Dr. Irving might have felt like “drinking from a firehose,” his well-organized lectures were presented effectively. During his presentations and when responding to questions, he referenced his extensive reading and the broad research he had done in the field of leadership. Additionally, as a result of the considerable effort he had expended to understand the unique context of our schools, he effectively weaved conversations with us into his material.

The organizing committee made sure that there were a variety of constructive activities in addition to Dr. Irving’s lectures, such as engaging in various crisis case studies and working through the results of a leadership survey we had all completed over half a year ago. Not surprisingly, school leaders find themselves most frequently preoccupied with navigating their way

through “people challenges.” We noted, with profound gratitude to our school boards, and a special nod to our treasurers, that principals don’t often feel the burden of responsibility when it comes to ensuring that our schools remain financially viable.

Developing and maintaining personal relationships and friendships between leader colleagues is a key ingredient of our principal conferences. Some principals are young and at the very beginning of their leadership journey; others are somewhat more experienced. Since we all learn from each other, deliberate time was set aside to provide opportunities for conversations over meals, during walks, while driving to Ontario’s only cranberry farm (where we were given an informative and humorous tour), around the campfire, or while engaging in sports activities.

As we returned to our respective homes, we felt not only more encouraged, but also more equipped, in our leadership roles. The organizing committee did an excellent job as they structured the program of events at NPC 2025. God provided us with an opportunity to spend a few days in a breathtakingly beautiful part of God’s creation; there wasn’t a cloud in the sky. Devotions and the singing were uplifting. May the consequences of this conference lead to continued growth from each of the participants and flourishing of each of our schools.

Short Report of Board Meetings

Short Report of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Credo Christian Elementary School September 15, 2025

Opening and Welcome: The Vice-chairman, E. Vandergriendt, opened the meeting by reading Scripture, followed by Board singing and a moment of prayer. He welcomed the Directors and Principal O. Bouwman. G. vanPopta, W. Liu, and J. Vandelft were not in attendance with notice.

Agenda Approval: The agenda for the regular board meeting was approved.

Minutes and Short Report: The minutes and short report from the regular board meeting held on June 9, 2025 were approved.

Principal’s Report: O. Bouwman presented the Principal’s Report for September 2025. The Board is thankful for a smooth start of the new school year. The Board approved rescheduling a board/staff social event to November to allow the newly appointed Board members to attend. An Ad-Hoc committee regarding the Teacher-in-Training scholarship was appointed. The

board confirmed October and November board meeting dates.

General Business: The board briefly discussed the Meeting Minutes for the 70th Anniversary meeting held on August 28, 2025 and first the school assembly presentation.

Education Committee: The committee will begin its review of the school’s SpEd program and ESL protocols and an update will be provided at the October board meeting. The classroom visitation schedule was reviewed.

Membership Committee: The Board approved 5 membership requests that came in over the summer holiday. An Ad Hoc Nomination Committee was created, tasking G. vanPopta, E. Vandergriendt and M. Mostert with identifying and recommending candidates for three upcoming vacant School Board positions.

Finance Committee: A report was presented to the board and the minutes of the most recent committee meeting were shared. The Board reviewed all relevant documents and held a brief discussion regarding the

tuition top-up, expressing gratitude for the many blessings the school has received.

Maintenance Committee: A report was presented to the Board outlining recent jobs completed at the work bee in the summer. The Minutes from the most recent committee meeting were shared. Steve Vanderveen will replace Michael Hollaar on the Maintenance Committee for a 3 year term.

CCHS: Minutes from the April and May 2025 meeting

Draft Minutes of the May 2025 AGM

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of Credo Christian Elementary School with the Membership May 28, 2025

Opening and Welcome: Board chairman, Greg VanPopta, welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting. He read from Proverbs 2:1-11 and followed with prayer. We sang Hymn 84: 1&2. A quorum of members was present.

CCHS Spring Budget Meeting: Since quorum had not been achieved at the recent CCHS membership meeting, Chris Hoff, CCHS vice-chair, briefly presented the budget and minutes from the CCHS meeting held on November 20, 2024. The minutes were approved as presented. Motion to approve the 2025/2026 budget as presented on May 14, 2025 was also approved.

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the CCES membership meeting held on October 30, 2024, were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes as presented was approved.

Budget Presentation and Approval:

- The Board Treasurer, Aren Van Dyke, presented the proposed CCES budget for 2025/2026. He expressed gratitude to the finance committee for putting the proposed budget together.
- After expressing gratitude to our Father for His blessings, he presented the tuition fee increases and provided further clarification on the budget notes.
- A 5-year capital plan was included at the end of the budget.
- An opportunity for questions from the floor was given. None were raised.
- The chairman clarified the tuition top up plan.
- A motion to accept the Budget and the 5-year Capital Plan Budget for 2025/26 as presented and approved. The membership was thanked for their support.

were shared.

Board/Staff relations: Birthday cards were signed.

Next Meetings / Events: The board meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2025. A Chairmen/Principals meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025.

Closing: O. Bouwman offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Vice-chairman, E. Vandergriendt closed the meeting and thanked all for coming.

CRSA: Darren Leffers provided a brief update of CRSA activities.

AI presentation: Ben Vandergugten shared insights from his attendance at the recent AI for Educators conference. Dr. Dave Mulder spoke on how artificial intelligence is shaping human imagination and impacting education. A U.S.-based survey of several hundred teachers revealed that educators primarily use AI to save time and support personalized learning. However, significant concerns remain, particularly around student misuse, academic integrity, and lack of adequate training for both staff and students.

Ben concluded by stressing the importance of preparing students for an AI-driven future while continuing to teach the value of doing meaningful work and remaining fully human. *Ben was thanked for his presentation.*

Anniversary celebration: The chairman informed the members that we are coming up on the 70th year of reformed education in the valley, which is a milestone worthy of noting. Representatives from our valley schools are coming together to plan an event, hopefully for during the upcoming school year.

Question Period: Greg talked about Diana Jackson and Kyleigh Kriel who are stepping aside from our staff to have their first child. Lisa Van Dyke and Lisa Devries will both be stepping back from their teaching and EA roles. We thank them all for their passion and dedication to our students.

Otto encouraged parents to participate in the feeding futures program.

Questions raised:

- A member wondered if there might be a way to have our middle students take more advantage of the space availability at the high school?
- A member wondered how long we should continue with the search for property for the new high school. It was noted that Valley wide would need approval again from school memberships regarding

a “search expiration date.”

Thanksgiving Prayer: The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and offered a closing

prayer. We sang Hymn 84: 3&4.

Closing: The Chairman, Greg VanPopta, closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.



October Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

8:00 PM | CCES Gym

Agenda

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes – May 28, 2025
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Election of Board Members
5. Annual Report
6. Presentation of 2024/25 Financial Statements
7. Budget Update
 - a. Tuition Top Up Debrief
 - b. Golf Tournament
8. CRSA and Valley Wide
9. 70th Anniversary
10. Election Results and Motion to Destroy Ballots
11. Question Period
12. Closing

Canadian Reformed School Association of Langley Board Director Nomination Form

We hereby nominate _____
to stand for election as a Director on the Board of the Canadian Reformed School Association of Langley, B.C.
at its Fall 2025 Membership Meeting.

_____/_____
Name and signature of first nominator

_____/_____
Name and signature of second nominator

I, _____ hereby agree to allow my name to stand for election
as a Director of the Canadian Reformed School Association of Langley.

_____/_____
Nominee's signature Date

Board of Directors – Nominee Profiles

Lili Du - My name is Lili Du. My husband and I have two children, both of whom are currently attending Credo Middle School. I grew up in a Christian family, and my husband and I met through a Christian fellowship at university. Since 2005, we have been attending the Beijing Living Water Reformed Church. In 2006, I earned my bachelor's degree in Thermodynamics, and several years later, I completed a master's degree in education. I have worked as a math teacher in China for over ten years. In 2017, I joined a reformed church school in Beijing, where I taught math and also served as the head of the math department. In the summer of 2023, our family moved to Canada. During the first year, I completed another master's degree, this time in Energy Management. We are very grateful to become members of the Chinese Reformed Church and to join the Canadian Reformed Church community. Last year, I got my BC teaching certificate. I am very thankful for the opportunity to work full-time at CCHS since last year. Currently, my role is split between serving as an EA and teaching math. It would be a great honor and blessing to serve as a member of the CCES board. I look forward to working together with all of you for the growth of our students and, ultimately, for the glory of God.

Oliver Hansma completed his CGA, CPA designation in 2003 and has been employed in financial and management positions in bio-tech and high-tech industries, and currently in the food manufacturing industry. His current role is as the controller for a poultry processing group of companies (FarmFed) in Abbotsford. He has served as the treasurer for Langley Canadian Reformed Church, treasurer of the Aldergrove Canadian Reformed Church, two terms on the CCES board, member of the finance committee of Synod 2025, and as an elder in Aldergrove. He is currently serving on the management committee of the Retirement Assistance Fund and the finance committee of BC Food and Beverage. Oliver is married to Sara and together they have been blessed with five girls, with the youngest attending CCES. They are members of the Aldergrove Canadian Reformed Church.

Sue Schouten - I am an active member of Langley Canadian Reformed Church and am married to Matt Schouten. We have been blessed with five children-four who attend Credo Elementary and Credo Middle School, while our youngest keeps me company at home. Originally from Edmonton (go Oilers!), I am grateful to have become part of this wonderful community and have enjoyed volunteering in various roles over the years. These roles include Secretary for the Refugee Committee for 8 years, Coffeebreak leader, bus driver for school field trips, Credo Aid Gift Card program representative, and Credo High basketball coach. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the school board.

Julian Vanderpol - Julian and Ashley Vanderpol and family live in Aldergrove. Their four daughters attend Credo Christian School: Jenna (Gr. 8), Lindsay (Gr. 6), Abigail (Gr. 3) and Chloe (kindergarten). Julian is a family physician working at Gateway Healthcare clinic and Abbotsford Regional Hospital. He has previously served as an elder in Aldergrove Canadian Reformed Church. His children are greatly blessed by the school community, and Julian is willing to give back by serving on the CCES board.

Financial Statements – Introduction

The fiscal year end results ended up better than our 2024-25 budget which we presented in May 2024. As you can see on page 12 of the *Branches*, the school had an operating surplus of \$95,366 while we originally budgeted for a deficit of \$54,556. The approximate \$150,000 swing to the positive is a very welcome development.

The main reasons were our revenues were bolstered by:

- \$48,000 more in provincial government student grants
- \$55,000 more in government special education grants (2 more students)
- \$57,000 more in donations (mostly tuition top-up of \$49,700)

While a decrease in tuition and membership fees of approximately \$50,000 was offset in savings in the payroll and bussing categories.

To view the complete financial report, [click here](#). Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the October AGM.

Aren Van Dyke
Treasurer



INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONERS' REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members,
Canadian Reformed School Association of Langley, B.C.

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Canadian Reformed School Association of Langley, B.C. that comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal controls as management determines are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioners' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioners perform procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluate the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

Note 2 indicates that the Association's interest in a joint venture is not reported in these financial statements. The effects of this departure from Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations on the financial statements has not been determined.

INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONERS' REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT - Continued

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Canadian Reformed School Association of Langley, B.C. as at 30 June 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles in Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Rolfe Benson LLP

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, Canada
7 October 2025

CANADIAN REFORMED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF LANGLEY, B.C.

Statement of Financial Position

30 June 2025

	2025	2024
Assets		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 462,806	\$ 613,052
Restricted reserve fund cash (Note 11)	62,876	62,216
Externally restricted cash (Note 4)	29,833	6,345
Term deposit (Note 5)	100,000	-
Restricted reserve fund term deposit (Notes 5 and 11)	100,000	100,000
Accounts receivable	298,554	298,269
GST receivable	3,468	8,550
Inventory	2,500	2,500
Prepaid expenses	9,588	14,309
	1,069,625	1,105,241
Tangible capital assets (Note 6)	1,405,510	1,405,238
	\$ 2,475,135	\$ 2,510,479

Liabilities

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 203,196	\$ 187,330
Government remittances payable	63,924	55,000
Prepaid tuition	84,059	130,164
Deferred contributions (Note 4)	29,833	6,345
Due to Credo Christian High School (Note 7)	7,481	140,018
	388,493	518,857

Deferred capital contributions (Note 8)

640,448	640,794
1,028,941	1,159,651

Commitments (Note 9)

Net Assets

Invested in tangible capital assets	765,062	764,445
Restricted reserve fund (Note 11)	162,876	162,216
Unrestricted	518,256	424,167
	1,446,194	1,350,828
	\$ 2,475,135	\$ 2,510,479

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:

Signed by:  _____ Director	Signed by:  _____ Director	
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

CANADIAN REFORMED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF LANGLEY, B.C.
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Invested in tangible capital assets	Restricted reserve fund	Unrestricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	(Note 11)				
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 764,445	\$ 162,216	\$ 424,167	\$ 1,350,828	\$ 1,592,591
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	(23,802)	660	118,508	95,366	(241,763)
Invested in capital assets	45,834	-	(45,834)	-	-
Deferred capital contributions received	(21,415)	-	21,415	-	-
Balance - end of year	\$ 765,062	\$ 162,876	\$ 518,256	\$ 1,446,194	\$ 1,350,828

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CANADIAN REFORMED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF LANGLEY, B.C.**Statement of Operations**
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2024 Actual (Note 15)
Revenues			
Tuition	1,522,680	1,482,038	1,460,214
Government grants	1,435,500	1,483,085	1,425,728
Government grants - Special Education	312,900	367,067	302,640
Membership and entrance fees	151,200	140,850	137,225
Fundraising revenue	15,000	-	-
Feeding Futures grant	-	37,202	30,500
Donations - General	30,000	86,946	28,215
Donations - Credo Aid	-	28,152	22,528
Donations - Special Education	3,500	2,694	2,025
Interest income	3,000	7,201	2,692
Miscellaneous	-	6,961	2,050
	3,473,780	3,642,196	3,413,817
Expenses			
Education			
Payroll and benefits	1,754,400	1,721,025	1,632,977
Educational resources	83,950	80,453	77,958
	1,838,350	1,801,478	1,710,935
Special Education			
Salaries and benefits	332,300	334,284	276,287
Therapists	15,000	14,050	16,434
Textbooks and supplies	2,700	1,528	2,835
Consultants	2,000	3,102	-
	352,000	352,964	295,556
General			
Office and miscellaneous	22,876	20,843	27,643
Accounting and legal	19,000	22,870	23,917
Bank charges and interest	1,000	1,040	1,052
	42,876	44,753	52,612
Building			
Repairs and maintenance	95,000	90,653	82,404
Insurance and utilities	60,000	56,870	53,553
	155,000	147,523	135,957
High School Payments (Note 7)	854,200	857,244	798,708

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CANADIAN REFORMED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF LANGLEY, B.C.
Statement of Operations - Continued
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2024 Actual
Feeding Futures Payments	-	37,202	30,500
Memberships			
Teachers' College payments	6,550	6,475	5,808
FISA membership	2,500	2,594	2,545
Christian School Foundation membership	1,350	1,976	2,000
Reformed curriculum development fund	1,350	1,285	1,330
	11,750	12,330	11,683
Transportation	274,160	242,041	279,923
Costs reimbursed by Credo Aid			
Field trips	-	8,262	9,716
Miscellaneous	-	15,325	7,860
Educational resources	-	1,948	2,271
Sports	-	1,618	1,675
Library	-	1,000	1,006
	-	28,153	22,528
Total operating expenses	3,528,336	3,523,688	3,338,402
Operating excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	(54,556)	118,508	75,415
Amortization of tangible capital assets	-	(45,563)	(62,259)
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 8)	-	21,761	40,650
	-	(23,802)	(21,609)
Restricted reserve fund interest income	-	660	4,431
Restricted reserve fund Christian School Foundation donation	-	-	(300,000)
	-	660	(295,569)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	(54,556)	95,366	(241,763)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

CANADIAN REFORMED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF LANGLEY, B.C.**Statement of Cash Flows**
For the Year Ended 30 June 2025

	2025	2024
		(Note 15)
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	95,366	(241,763)
Items not involving cash		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	45,563	62,259
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(21,761)	(40,650)
	119,168	(220,154)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	(285)	(62,284)
GST receivable	5,082	710
Prepaid expenses	4,721	6,458
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	15,865	14,621
Government remittances payable	8,924	2,541
Prepaid tuition	(46,105)	49,830
	107,370	(208,278)
Investing activities		
Change in restricted reserve fund cash	(660)	395,569
Change in externally restricted cash	(23,488)	-
Purchase of term deposit	(100,000)	(100,000)
Purchase of tangible capital assets	(45,834)	(61,439)
Increase (decrease) in due to Credo Christian High School	(132,537)	133,118
	(302,519)	367,248
Financing activities		
Deferred contributions	23,488	-
Deferred capital contributions	21,415	46,628
	44,903	46,628
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(150,246)	205,598
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	613,052	407,454
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	462,806	613,052

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Kodiak Corner *Shelley Sikma*

The extra-curricular Kodiak athletic activities have been in full swing since the second week of September already!

Grade 8 Cross Country - We just have a small gr 8 team this year, joining the high school runners and coach Mrs. Karin Louwerse. Lauren and Nyles have participated in different meets at Aldergrove Bowl, Clearbrook Park and Campbell Valley Park. Each race is a test of fitness and determination. Great job runners!

Grade 8 Girls and Boys Volleyball - The grade eight girls team didn't quite have enough players to form a team, so they have added a few capable grade 7 girls to complete their roster. They have been learning a lot under the coaching leadership of Mrs. Deanna Van Dyke and myself. The grade 8 boys team is being capably led by head coach, Mrs. Mirjam Scholtens together with Jabin Zuidhof, a student from TWU. Both teams have been getting valuable playing experience in their Langley district league games and tournaments. They have been improving each week!

Grade 4-7 Cross Country - Sixteen enthusiastic runners head out to Aldergrove Bowl each week led by coordinator Mrs. Mary-Anne VanderHorst, where they participate in a 2km race every Wednesday against other Langley district elementary schools. The runners who have placed in the top 8 of any races will be competing in the Championship on Oct 22. Come on out to cheer them on!

Bear Creek Run - Credo Elementary runners will also be running against other Christian school runners from across the Valley at Bear Creek Park in Surrey on Oct 16. We have approximately 83 runners participating from grades 4-7. 1480 students are participating from 30 Christian Elementary schools! Many thanks to Mrs. Jac Spoor and Mrs. Linda VanSpronsen for all their work organizing this huge event.

Grade 7 - These students participated in a Christian school's soccer tournament on Oct 9. This large class fielded two teams coached by Mr. Spencer Pruim and Mr. Keith Wildeboer. This is a great day of team camaraderie in which every student gets to wear a Credo jersey and participate together in a fun day of competition.

Great job teams! And thank you coaches, so many athletes are blessed by the time you are committing to their athletic and personal growth!

If you ever want to cheer Credo athletes on, check out their schedules on the [Credo Athletics](#) calendar on the school's website.

Grade 8 Boys VB



Grade 7 Soccer Tournament



Grade 8 Girls VB



Grade 7 Soccer Tournament



Credo Aid Update



Just over a month has passed since the kids have started back to school and we have had to mold to the routines that that brings. We can thank the Lord that for most this journey has been smooth. For those that

are having a hard, painful, and rocky start, we pray for strength and endurance for everyone as new routines are established and hurdles are overcome.

In September we held our annual AGM. With thankfulness we reviewed this past year's work. A total of \$55,050 was raised in the 2024/2025 school year. In addition to supporting our annual budget we were able to spend \$18,500 on wish list items for Credo Elementary (picnic tables, lost and found rack, volleyball uniforms, gym line painting, gazebo, riser rentals, instruments, & gaga ball pit upgrade) & \$18,400 on wish list items for Credo High (sound equipment, field sound system, portable keyboard, laser engraver). Thank-you Credo community for supporting the many fundraiser initiatives. We talked about upcoming fundraisers and left it open for members to suggest new ideas. We are not planning to run any new fundraisers this year, however, if anyone has an idea that they would like to run/spearhead, we would love to hear it and support as time allows.

We are pleased to announce that we have been able to put together a board of six members to carry out the work of Credo Aid. The newest member to join is Su Vander Horst, along with Brenda Beukema and Jackie Vander Ploeg. We are grateful for each one of you!

Monica Miguel and Jan Broersma have completed their terms and we are very appreciative and thankful for the work that they have done. They have worked tireless hours behind the scenes to keep information moving, set up fundraisers, organized coffee/baking, ran meetings, etc. THANK YOU!

The first Neufeld Farm fundraiser has been completed and we raised approximately \$1125. It's great to see that this one is supported well by the broader school community! Thank you to all who purchased.

Dish brushes have been restocked in the CCES office. You can buy them there any time for \$20.

The Middle School grades went to Deroche for a day of activities and fun and many grades have been on at least one field trip with more to come. We are very happy to

support these initiatives and encourage the learning that takes place during these experiences.

The Hot Lunch team has changed a bit. Melissa Van Popta has passed the torch on and the current team is Jolene Moes, Katie Vandergaag, and Melanie Vandeburgt. The students and staff recently enjoyed a lunch of wraps. Thank you Melissa for your effort over the past years to help provide lunches. If there are any dietary considerations for the lunch ladies to consider, please reach out to one of them.

We are so thankful that the Croquette Team is once again taking on rolling us dozens of delicious Dutch treats! This team is comprised of women who are an example to all of us of continued support and community involvement as they embody the spirit of 'pass the promise' on to our current generation. We would not be able to do this without them! Mark your calendars for an opportunity to be involved on Nov 24th (evening) and 25th (morning). Sign-up sheet to follow. In addition to the delicious trademark Credo Croquette the All Things Dutch Fundraiser will also be selling Dutch Cheese from Holland Shopping Center and boxes of #2 ambrosia apples from Ralph's Farm Market. Orders will be collected in a similar manner to last year through google forms.



We are very thankful to our Heavenly Father for blessing us with this school and church community, who can come together to support common causes in different ways. May the Lord be glorified through our work.

If you are new to the Credo Christian School community, there are a few websites and Facebook groups you may want to be aware of:

- [Credo Aid Facebook Group](#) - info about upcoming events and ways to sign up to serve at specific functions.
- [CCES Website](#) has tabs for [Credo Aid](#) and the [Shop Easy Program](#). You can find information on what each division does.

On behalf of Credo Aid - Rebecca Wildeboer & Georgene VanDelft

Credo Aid Board:

Georgene Van Delft (Chair) | Joni Vander Horst (Treasurer)
Rebecca Wildeboer (Vice- Chair) | Jackie Vander Ploeg
Brenda Beukema | Su VanderHorst



Middle School Retreat 2025

On a bright, sunny morning, 14 staff members and 96 middle school students set out together for the 5th annual Middle School Retreat. It was a day filled with worship, fun, and the blessing of Christian community.

We began with devotions led by Mrs. Noort, who spoke on the Valley-wide theme of Pass the Promise marking 70 years of Reformed Education in the Valley. Through Scripture and a meaningful illustration, she encouraged students to consider the "ripples" their lives create - whether red ripples of negativity such as gossip or jealousy, or blue ripples that reflect Christlike character. Each student received a pebble to take home as a reminder of their call to live as a "blue ripple" in their families, friendships, and community.

After a quick snack, staff introduced the many middle school leadership teams available this year, giving students opportunities to serve in areas such as Spirit Days, Worship Team, Devotions, Creation Care, Announcements, Newspaper Club, Senior Encouragement Pen Pals, Pizza Lunches, and more. The excitement was evident as students began imagining where they might use their gifts to bless our school community.

The day continued with a variety of activities designed to build relationships and strengthen friendships across grades. Students were divided into eight mixed-grade groups and rotated through four stations: swimming in the pool, lively minute-to-minute games inside the lookout, a creative photo scavenger hunt that had them running across the property, and outdoor games like spikeball, cornhole, and lawn activities. Others enjoyed quieter moments relaxing in the sunshine with cards and conversation.

At lunchtime, students gathered on the grass to share pizza together. Mr. Bouwman led us in singing theme songs from past retreats and read from Psalm 100, reminding everyone to "make a joyful noise to the Lord."

As the day drew to a close, Mr. Pruijm gathered the students for closing remarks, worship, and prayer. Together we gave thanks to God for safety, joy, and the gift of community. Tired but happy, we returned to Langley with hearts full of gratitude for the opportunity to grow together in faith and fellowship. What a blessing it is to be in Credo's middle school!

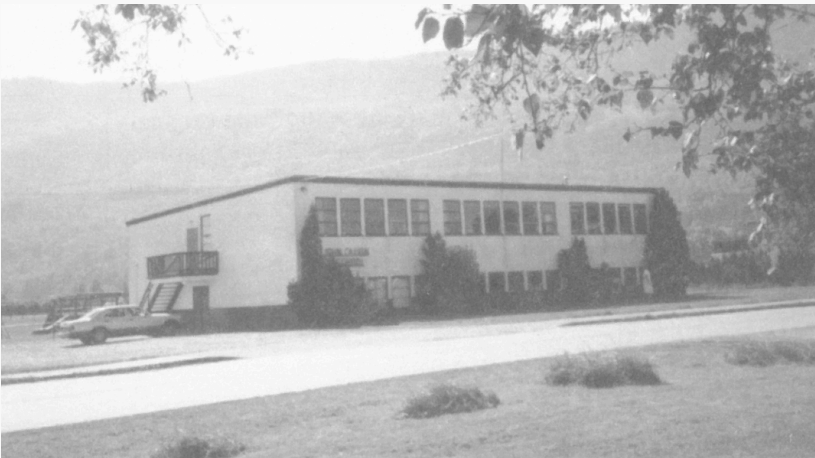
Written by: Ms. Nadine Krikke

1965-1975

Second in a series of seven inserts commemorating 70 years of Reformed education.

It was through God's leading and provision that the School Society was established in 1964. The Abbotsford School Society purchased a six room school in Yarrow (formerly the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate), and the school opened its doors in September, 1970. A total of 58 students were enrolled that year: 24 of them were taught by Mrs. Faber in Grades 1-2, while the others were taught by Mrs. Schaap and Mr. J. van Laar. The first two American students came in the early years.

The Society Members were thrilled to move into the original building. Although it required some work, the membership eagerly dedicated their time and resources to ensure the success of Reformed education in Yarrow. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our founding families and community for their vision and commitment and, above all, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness.



The front of the school, facing west

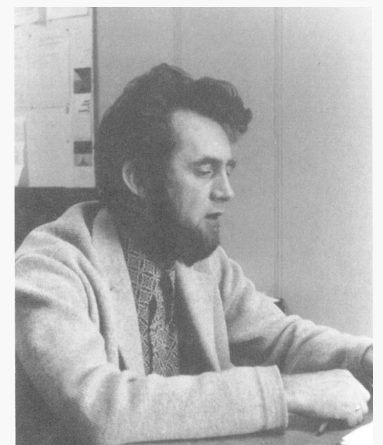


*The Staff: Early 1970's
Mr. Mel De Glint, Mr. Jake vanLaar
Mrs. Michelle Faber, Mr. Peter Blom*



The Boys of Summer

L-R: Ron Dekker, Clifford Lengkeek, Ron Boes, Clarence Winkelaar, Harry Breukelman, John Aikema, Harold Dekker, Bill Hansma, Tom Boeve, Alex VandeBurgt



*The first principal:
Mr. Peter Blom*



Class taught by Mrs. J. Janzen (nee Heetebrij)

Noteworthy

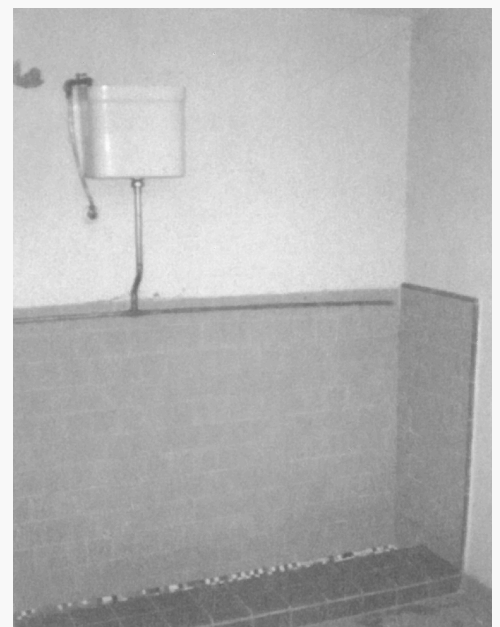
- Lunch was eaten all together in the basement
- Dairyland delivered milk to school every day; each student could buy milk
- Often on a Monday morning, after a wet weekend, the basement would be flooded
- Original school fees were set at \$75 p/month.
- The board instructed the principal to buy a strap
- Everyone had to take turns cleaning the school done once a week. The teachers could tell who had cleaned



*L-R: Ed Boes, Harley Aikema, Ken Huttema, John Dekker, Alex Vandeburg, John Breukelman
Teacher: Jake vanLaar*



Class taught by Mrs T. de Vries (nee Hoekstra)



Who remembers the boys washroom?



Brenda Beukema
Joni VanderHorst
Su VanderHorst
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