



BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Central Okanagan Board of Education acknowledged that this meeting was held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People.

Date: **Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

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Proud for Prom

Presenters:

Julie Loveridge-Marks, Vice-Principal, École Kelowna Secondary School

Alaa Alaiwah, Student, Rutland Senior Secondary School

Since the inception in 2019, Proud for Prom has successfully supported 631 students and has removed financial barriers for graduation and graduation activities. Community partners, schools, and supporters work together to remove barriers, provide resources, and create inclusive, dignified prom opportunities for all learners. Students are invited to select a gown, suit and accessories in a positive, supportive environment designed to inspire confidence.

Mission of Proud for Prom: *Empower graduating secondary students to be proud of their achievements through participation in graduation prom night.*

Commitment of Proud for Prom: *Ensuring every student has a Prom experience that reflects their hard work and efforts, regardless of background.*

Declaration

1. Earth Day – April 22, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declared Wednesday, April 22, 2026 as “Earth Day” in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

Action Items

1. Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Baseball Academy Fee Increase

The Board of Education approved the proposed fee increase of \$50 (from \$200 to \$250/student) for the Baseball Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School.

Information Items

The Board of Education reviewed the following:

1. Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2025/2026 and 2026/2027
2. General Statement – February 18, 2026
3. General Statement – March 4, 2026
4. 2026/2027 School Fees Summary

Items Requiring Public Mention

The Board Chair, Trustees and the Superintendent of Schools, spoke of the following:

- Attendance at various meetings and events throughout the District, including School Community Student Learning Plan Conversations at Rutland Middle School and South Kelowna Elementary School, Ambassadors of Compassion Canada Program event, Pink Shirt Day Breakfast, Good Will Shakespeare Festival, the BCSTA Branch Meeting hosted by School District No. 53 (Okanagan Similkameen), joint Board/COPAC Meeting, PAC Meetings and school events.
- The Board of Education wrote a letter of congratulations to retired Superintendent of Schools/CEO Kevin Kaardal for being recognized as Canada's Superintendent of the Year by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA).
- On Saturday, February 28, 2026, the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) hosted their COPAC Parent Engagement event. This was an opportunity for parents to learn together and hear presentations from Central Okanagan Public Schools staff.
- On February 27, 2026, the West Kelowna RCMP Indigenous Policing took part in the fourth annual community basketball game where students and West Kelowna residents could see the police officers and community members in a fun, non-serious environment. Members of the RCMP, led by Cst. Rolly (Rohel) Williams, traded in police uniforms and work clothes for a different uniform: basketball uniforms as they took to the court with Westbank First Nation community members, including representatives from the Westbank First Nation Chief and Council, the Mayor of West Kelowna, alumni from Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, and members of both the BC Highway Patrol and West Kelowna traffic section. Hosted in collaboration with Constable Neil Bruce Middle School, the friendly match also served as a fundraising event, with proceeds supporting upcoming youth-focused Truth and Reconciliation initiatives. The game was competitive, with the RCMP securing a 47-31 win.
- A reminder that schools will be closed for spring break from Monday, March 16th through to Friday, March 27th.

Upcoming Public Information Sessions

École George Pringle Secondary School - Westside Parent Information Sessions

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Tuesday, May 5, 2026 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm

École Glenrosa Middle School

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Next Public Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

4:00 pm Education and Student Services Committee

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

5:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

4:00 pm Finance and Planning Committee

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