



**Central Okanagan
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6:00 pm

School Board Office

1040 Hollywood Road S

Kelowna, BC

Board of Education: Trustee V. Johnson, Board Chair
Trustee W. Broughton
Trustee J. Fraser
Trustee A. Geistlinger (by phone)
Trustee L. Guderyan
Trustee L. Tiede (arrived at 6:06 pm)

Absent: Trustee C. Desrosiers

Staff: Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools
Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO
Mona Essler, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups Nicola Baker, COPAC President and Leslie Atwell, COPAC Vice-President
Teri Wishlow, CUPE President and George York, CUPE Vice-President
April Smith, COTA 1st Vice-President (*by Zoom, joined meeting at 6:18 pm*)
Alaa Alaiwah, Co-President, District Student Council

There was no representative from COPVPA.

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

AGENDA

Main 26P-028

THAT: The Agenda for the Public Board Meeting of March 11, 2026 be adopted as presented.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

MINUTES

Public Board Meeting – February 18, 2026

6:06 pm: *Trustee Tiede joined the meeting.*

Main 26P-029

THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of February 18, 2026 be adopted as presented.

APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"

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.*

6:18 pm: *The COTA 1st Vice-President joined the meeting via Zoom.*

MEETING RECESS

The meeting recessed at 6:30 pm.

The meeting reconvened at 6:33 pm.

DECLARATION

Earth Day – April 22, 2026

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares April 22, 2026 as Earth Day in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public questions/comments.

TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS

Trustee Guderyan reported that today, Wednesday, March 11th, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, Mount Boucherie Secondary School is hosting “A Walk Through Time – Celebrating 50 Years of Mount Boucherie”.

Trustee Fraser shared that the Board of Education met with the COPAC Executive for their annual meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

ACTION ITEMS

Mount Boucherie Secondary School – Baseball Academy Fee Increase

Main 26P-030

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

THAT: The Board of Education approve the proposed fee increase of \$50 (from \$200 to \$250/student) for the Baseball Academy at Mount Boucherie Secondary School, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the March 11, 2026 Public Board Meeting.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent’s Emergent Issues

None.

Level 4 and 5 Field Study Summaries - 2025/2026 and 2026/2027

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – February 11, 2026

The Board reviewed the information.

General Statement – March 4, 2026

The Board reviewed the information.

2026/2027 School Fees Summary

The Board received the information.

BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS

None

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Received:

- 2026-02-13 Message from Rabbi Hecht re: suggestions to adopt daily moment of silence
- 2026-02-20 Message from A. Locas re: proposed high-density development near Davidson Road Elementary School
- 2026-03-02 Message from N. Gagne re: Equity in Action Agreement

Sent:

- 2026-02-24 Response to Rabbi Hecht
- 2026-03-03 Letter of congratulations to K. Kaardal – Canada’s Superintendent of the Year
- 2026-03-05 Letter to MLA Gavin Dew re Advocacy

Main 26P-031

MOVED by Trustee Broughton

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

THAT: At the March 11, 2026 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.

CARRIED

ABSENT: Trustee Desrosiers

ITEMS REQUIRING SPECIAL 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 of Education/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 16 through to Friday, March 27, 2026.

BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION

- Trustee Fraser confirmed that the Memorandum of Agreement between BCPSEA and BCTF Re: Conclusion of 2025 Provincial Bargaining was ratified by Boards of Education on March 6, 2026.

BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

BCSTA AGM

April 9 – 11, 2026

Vancouver, BC

Trustee Broughton provided Trustees with an overview of the BCSTA Provincial Council Meeting held on February 20, 2026. Trustees were encouraged to complete the Indigenous Education survey.

CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Trustee Gathering on Education, Innovation and Reconciliation

July 5-8, 2026

Whistler, BC

UPCOMING PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS

École George Pringle Secondary School/Westside Parent Information Sessions

Constable Neil Bruce Middle School

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

6:00-8:00 pm

École Glenrosa Middle School

Thursday, May 7, 2026

6:00-8:00 pm

BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

Joint Board/City of West Kelowna Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

City Hall, West Kelowna

FUTURE MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings

- Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm

- Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

Board Standing Committee Meetings

Education and Student Services Committee

- Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Finance and Planning Committee

- Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:00 pm

Finance and Planning Committee

- Wednesday, April 29, 2026, at 4:00 pm

Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer/CFO