



**Central Okanagan  
Public Schools**

Together We Learn

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 6:00 pm**

**School Board Office**

**1040 Hollywood Road S**

**Kelowna, BC**

Board of Education: Trustee V. Johnson, Board Chair

Trustee C. Desrosiers

Trustee J. Fraser

Trustee A. Geistlinger

Trustee L. Guderyan

Trustee L. Tiede

*Absent: Trustee Broughton*

Staff: Jon Rever, Superintendent of Schools

Delta Carmichael, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Lise Bradshaw, Executive Assistant (Recorder)

Partner Groups Jodi Everett, COPVPA representative

Nathan Hind, COPAC Member at Large

George York, CUPE Vice-President *(by Zoom)*

Mary Hope, COTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President *(by Zoom, joined meeting at 6:16 pm)*

*There were no representatives from District Student Council.*

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

The Board Chair opened the meeting with a statement acknowledging the recent tragedy in Tumbler Ridge:

*Before we begin tonight's agenda, I would like to acknowledge the tragedy that took place last week in Tumbler Ridge.*

*On behalf of the Central Okanagan Board of Education, we are holding in our thoughts our trustee colleagues, the educators and staff of the Peace River South School District.*

*The community of Tumbler Ridge has experienced something unimaginable, and our hearts are with them as they navigate grief, healing, and supporting one another in the days and weeks and months ahead.*

*Tragedies like this ripple far beyond one community. We understand that events of this nature can deeply affect students, families, and staff here in our own district as well.*

*I want to acknowledge the way our educators, staff, administrators, and district teams responded...with compassion and steadiness. They created space for students to ask questions, to feel, and to process in ways that were age-appropriate and supportive. They showed up in the way that caring adults do.*

*We also recognize that supporting others during times of crisis can be heavy work. I want to reiterate how important it is that our educators and staff care for themselves and for each other. The well-being of the adults in our system matters deeply.*

*As a Board, we are profoundly grateful for the way the adults in this district show up, with professionalism, compassion, and a commitment to student safety and well-being.*

*Tonight, we extend our continued support to Tumbler Ridge and to all those impacted.*

## **AGENDA**

### **Main 26P-012**

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

**APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

## **MINUTES**

### **Public Board Meeting - January 28, 2026**

Trustee Fraser advised that at the January 28, 2026 meeting, she had objected to approving the December 10, 2025 Public Board Meeting minutes by unanimous consent. The Board Chair advised that her recollection was that Trustee Fraser was seeking clarification on the new process of using unanimous consent, and that she must have misunderstood that it was an objection. It was agreed that the January 28, 2026 minutes would be amended to reflect Trustee Fraser's objection to the approval of the December 10, 2025 minutes by unanimous consent.

### **Main 26P-013**

**THAT: The Minutes of the Public Board Meeting of January 28, 2026 be adopted as amended.**

**APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**

6:16 pm: The COTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President joined meeting via Zoom.

## **CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS – "INSIDE 23"**

### **WHEELS is on a Roll with Equity in Action!**

Presenters: Scott Parker, District Principal – Inclusive Education  
Colline Johnson, District Principal – Inclusive Education

The District Principals of Inclusive Education shared a PowerPoint with the Board of Education about the WHEELS Transition to Employment Program. This initiative helps remove barriers to work-based learning by focusing on students' strengths and encouraging their voices, while also forming partnerships with local employers. It is designed so learners who are often under-represented in the workforce can gain fair access to real-world job opportunities. Just in time for Pink Shirt day, pink "Bee Kind" baseball caps made by participants in the WHEELS program were gifted to Trustees and staff. While none of the WHEELS participants could attend that evening's presentation because they were all working, their absence underscored the program's success in helping them secure employment opportunities.

## **MEETING RECESS**

The meeting recessed at 6:38 pm.  
The meeting reconvened at 6:41 pm.

## **DECLARATION**

### **Bullying Awareness (Pink Shirt) Day - February 25, 2026**

The Central Okanagan Board of Education declares Wednesday, February 25, 2026 as "Pink Shirt Day" in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

The Board Chair added her own statement to the Declaration:

*While Pink Shirt Day is an important opportunity to stand up against bullying, I also want to take a moment to recognize the incredible kindness that happens in our schools every single day.*

*Across Central Okanagan Public Schools, our teams are committed to creating inclusive, caring environments where students feel they belong. Kindness isn't just something we talk about on one day, it's something our educators, staff, administrators, and leaders intentionally model and nurture in our district spaces.*

*We are grateful for the dedication of our teams who work tirelessly to ensure our schools are places where every student feels valued, respected, and safe.*

*Pink Shirt Day also reminds us that there are supports available. Families and students can access the provincial resource ERASE — Expect Respect and a Safe Education — which provides tools, information, and reporting options to help address bullying and promote safe, inclusive school communities.*

*Together, through everyday actions and ongoing supports, we continue working toward schools and spaces where every student feels safe, seen, and supported.*

## **PUBLIC QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public questions/comments.

## **TRUSTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS**

Trustee Tiede queried whether the updated ‘Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Framework and Anti Racism Strategy’ presented to the Education and Student Services Committee on October 8, 2025 and the Board on October 15, 2025 would be provided to the Board, along with costs associated with the resources.

Trustee Geistlinger shared her reservations regarding the recently implemented ‘unanimous consent’ process for routine motions, such as agenda approval. She queried how other Trustees may feel about it and indicated that she may propose a motion to discontinue this practice.

Trustee Fraser addressed the recent budget announcement, expressing appreciation for the recognition of public education’s significance. However, she also noted concerns regarding per-student funding not matching inflation rates and underscored the ongoing need to advocate for adequate educational funding.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Property Bylaw No. 162 – BC Hydro Statutory Right-of-Way on École Peter Greer Elementary School Site**

#### **Main 26P-014**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give first reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 162 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 1 Section 11 Township 20 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP49847, known as École Peter Greer Elementary School.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Main 26P-015**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give second reading to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 162 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 1 Section 11 Township 20 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP49847, known as École Peter Greer Elementary School.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Main 26P-016**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education of School District No. 23 give all three readings to School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) Property Bylaw No. 162 (registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way) for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 1 Section 11 Township 20 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP49847, known as École Peter Greer Elementary School, at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Main 26P-017**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education give third reading and grant approval for registration of a Statutory Right-of-Way in favour of BC Hydro on Lot 1 Section 11 Township 20 Osoyoos Division Yale District Plan KAP49847, known as École Peter Greer Elementary School.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Three Year Annual Facility Grant (AFG) Plan 2026/2027 - 2028/2029**

**Main 26P-018**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Desrosiers

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Annual Facility Grant Plan for 2026/2027 through 2028/2029, as attached to the Agenda and as presented at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Review of Transportation Fees for the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year**

**Main 26P-019**

MOVED by Trustee Fraser

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education set the transportation fee at \$550 per year for each bus rider for the period effective July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Individual Sport Training 10A and 10B**

**Main 26P-020**

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Individual Sport Training 10A (eSchool23), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Main 26P-021**

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Individual Sport Training 10B (eSchool23), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Cross Training 10**

**Main 26P-022**

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Cross Training 10 (eSchool23), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Acoustic Guitar Making 11 and 12**

**Main 26P-023**

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Acoustic Guitar Making 11 (Ecole George Elliot Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Main 26P-024**

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Acoustic Guitar Making 12 (Ecole George Elliot Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Outdoor Education 10**

**Main 26P-025**

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Tiede

**THAT: The Board of Education approve the Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) Course Proposal - Outdoor Education 10 (Mount Boucherie Secondary School), as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**2025-2026 Equity & Excellence in Learning System Priorities Update Report**

**Main 26P-026**

MOVED by Trustee Guderyan

SECONDED by Trustee Geistlinger

**THAT: The Board of Education receive the 2025-2026 Equity & Excellence in Learning System Priorities Update Report, as attached to the Agenda, and as presented at the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

**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 – January 28, 2026**

The Board reviewed the information.

**BOARD/DISTRICT COMMITTEE QUERIES/COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Trustee Fraser attended the February 10, 2026 Indigenous Education Council meeting where they had a robust Strategic Plan Engagement session and a presentation of the 2026/2027 Indigenous Education preliminary budget.

Trustee Desrosiers attended the District Human Rights Committee meeting and recognized the hard work of the Committee creating the fourth annual February Inclusion Interactive Calendar, which is a collection of curated resources designed to spark conversations and deepen understanding with students and staff.

Trustee Guderyan attended the District Early Years Partnership Committee, where a dietician presented on healthy foods and food literacy. Despite having seen similar presentations before, she shared that she continues to learn new information each time.

Trustee Tiede reported that the Safe Schools Committee meeting was cancelled in light of the recent tragedy at Tumbler Ridge. Nevertheless, Trustee Tiede expressed appreciation to District staff for the support provided to Tumbler Ridge.

Trustee Johnson, together with Trustee Guderyan and Trustee Desrosiers, attended the District Student Council meeting, noting that students took part enthusiastically in the Strategic Plan Engagement session.

## **BOARD CORRESPONDENCE**

### **Received:**

- 2026-02-11 Message submission from K. Williams re: Tumbler Ridge tragedy / suggestion for curriculum

### **Sent:**

- 2026-02-11 Message to Board of Education SD59 re Tumbler Ridge tragedy

### **Main 26P-027**

MOVED by Trustee Desrosiers

SECONDED by Trustee Fraser

**THAT: At the February 18, 2026 Public Board Meeting, the Board receive the correspondence listed above.**

**CARRIED**

**ABSENT: Trustee Broughton**

## **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 the OKM Triple Threat Theatre, performance of Disney's Newsies, the COPAC Meeting on February 2nd for the Secretary-Treasurer/CFO and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer's 2026/2027 Budget Presentation, and the Reconcili-Action Festival.
- The West Kelowna RCMP Indigenous Policing Services is hosting its Fourth Annual Charity Basketball Game, bringing together police officers, youth, elders, and community members in a fun and positive environment to strengthen relationships and build community connections. The event takes place at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School on Friday, February 27th at 4:30 pm.
- Welcome to students from Haruhigaoka Junior High School who have arrived for a cultural exchange with students at École Glenrosa Middle School and Constable Neil Bruce Middle School.
- The link to the 2026/2027 Public Budget Survey is now on the District website ([www.sd23.bc.ca](http://www.sd23.bc.ca)). As the District plans the budget for the next school year, we are asking

for feedback on the 2026/2027 Annual Budget. The due date for the survey is March 4, 2026.

## **UPCOMING PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS**

### **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

## **BC PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION**

Trustee Fraser provided Trustees with an update from the BCPSEA AGM.

## **BC SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION**

### **BCSTA Thompson Okanagan Branch**

February 20-21, 2026  
Oliver, BC

### **Provincial Council**

February 20, 2026  
(Zoom)

### **BCSTA AGM**

April 9-11, 2026  
Hyatt Regency, Vancouver

## **CANADIAN SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

### **Trustee Gathering on Education, Innovation and Reconciliation**

July 5-8, 2026  
Whistler, BC

## **BOARD MEETINGS WITH PARTNER AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

### **Joint Board/COPAC Meeting**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026  
Main Board Room

### **Joint Board/City of West Kelowna Meeting**

Wednesday, May 13, 2026  
City Hall, West Kelowna

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

### **Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm  
- Wednesday, April 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm  
Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

### **Board Standing Committee Meetings**

Policy Committee  
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 4:00 pm  
Main Board Room, 1040 Hollywood Road S.

## **MEDIA QUESTIONS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer/CFO