



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

4:00 pm, Wednesday, March 11, 2026
School Board Office

MINUTES

Present: Jaclyn Miller, Gretchen Conti, Dale Lawson, Maureen Mason
Also in attendance: Paul McKenzie (Superintendent), Steve Hopkins (Secretary-Treasurer)
Regrets: Kirsten Van't Schip

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairperson J. Miller.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

PRESENTATION:

Henderson Elementary – D. Thorsell

Principal D. Thorsell presented Henderson Elementary's 2025–26 School Growth Plan, focused on improving student self-regulation, belonging, and school culture through consistent teaching and reinforcement of positive behaviour expectations. The plan aligns with Strategic Plan priorities, with goals to improve reading achievement using DIBELS data and to strengthen student connectedness to the school and community.

Progress data showed gains in literacy across grades, supported by targeted interventions, structured literacy approaches, and expanded use of decodable texts and home reading supports. The presentation also highlighted the strengths of the school's small, relationship-focused environment and ongoing efforts to build community connections. Trustees sought clarification regarding learning plans.

Kelly Creek Elementary – M. Hilleren

Principal M. Hilleren presented Kelly Creek Community School's 2025–26 School Growth Plan, focused on improving literacy and numeracy outcomes and strengthening student and family engagement through inclusive practices and outdoor, place-based learning. The plan is guided by an inquiry into how outdoor learning can support academic achievement while fostering belonging and connection.

The update highlighted a focus on using multiple sources of evidence to inform instruction, including DIBELS, classroom data, and student and family input. Actions to date include increased collaboration, targeted reading interventions, and professional learning. Next steps include strengthening Tier 1

Looking ahead to the work of trustees across the province, I will also be attending the Annual General Meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association in April. Trustees from across the province gather at this meeting to discuss key issues facing public education and to bring forward motions that help shape provincial advocacy for students and school districts. I look forward to representing our district in those conversations and bringing that learning back to our board.

Finally, with spring break beginning in just a few days, I would like to wish our students, staff, and families a restful and enjoyable time away. These pauses in the school year remind us how important it is to step back, recharge, and return ready for the learning and work still ahead.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED: D. LAWSON

SECONDED: G. CONTI

THAT the Regular meeting agenda of March 11, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED: D. LAWSON

SECONDED: G. CONTI

THAT the Regular meeting minutes of February 25, 2026, be adopted as circulated.

STATUS: CARRIED

3. REPORT OF CLOSED MEETINGS

3.a) March 11, 2026 – The Board met in-camera to discuss items which include property and personnel.

4. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

4.a) N/A

5. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

5.a) N/A

6. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS' REPORT

6.a) Superintendent's Student Success Report

The Superintendent's Student Success Report was presented, with a focus on graduation and completion data, transition outcomes, and program updates. Trustees discussed challenges related to data timelines and limitations, including the impact of student mobility and out-of-province transitions on reported results. Five- and six-year completion rates were reviewed,

noting overall improvement with some fluctuations, and the influence of alternative programs such as Partners in Education and qathet Online Learning. The District is enhancing tracking of student mobility to better understand outcomes.

The report highlighted improved completion rates for Indigenous students, now exceeding the provincial average, alongside areas for further inquiry, including Grade 12 literacy results. Trustees also discussed transition rates to post-secondary, noting gaps in available data, and reviewed trades and career program updates. Broader community factors, including local economic changes, were acknowledged as influencing student pathways.

MOVED: D. LAWSON

SECONDED: G. CONTI

THAT the Board of Education receive the Superintendent's Student Success report, as presented.

STATUS: CARRIED

6.b) Suspension, Exclusion, and Seclusion Report – September 2, 2025, to February 28, 2026

MOVED: G. CONTI

SECONDED: D. LAWSON

THAT the Superintendent of Schools' Report be received as presented.

STATUS: CARRIED

7. SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

7.a) N/A

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.a) Ad Hoc Committee Notes – March 4, 2026

The notes were presented as written.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.a) Board Annual Work Plan Review

Trustees reviewed the updated Board Annual Work Plan and agreed to include motions to the BCSTA AGM in the "Ongoing" section.

QUESTION PERIOD

There were no questions.

MEDIA QUESTION PERIOD

There was no media present.

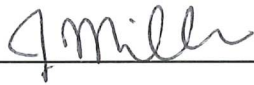
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED: G. CONTI

THAT the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2026 be adjourned.

STATUS: CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.



J. Miller
Chairperson



S. Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer

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