



## MINUTES

Bowness High School Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 11th, 2026 at 6:30pm

In-Person Meeting **LOCATION In person at the school**

Meeting Facilitator: Lisa McGregor, Casino Chair  
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1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm
2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- A motion to approve the agenda was moved by Shan and seconded by Santana. All in favour.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (February 10th, 2026)-A Motion to approve the minutes of the February 10th, 2026 meeting was moved by Lisa M and seconded by Sarah-Jane. All in favour
5. JENNY REGAL, CBE TRUSTEE (WARDS 1&2)  
Email Address- [jelregal@cbe.ab.ca](mailto:jelregal@cbe.ab.ca)
  - The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) is the largest school board in Western Canada.
  - The CBE Board consists of 7 trustees
  - Alberta will invest \$143 million in 2026 to deploy 476 classroom complexity teams to schools with high-needs classrooms, mainly in Kindergarten to Grade 6. Each team will include one teacher and two educational assistants who will provide in-class support for students with diverse learning needs, behavioural challenges, and English language learning. Of the teams, 171 will be assigned to schools in Calgary and 143 to Edmonton, with the remaining teams distributed across other school divisions in Alberta.
  - Concerns were raised that decisions as to what schools get a complexity team may be based on flawed data.
  - Questions remain about whether this funding is one-time funding or if it will be ongoing.



- The province has announced funding for approximately 3,000 teachers and 1,500 Educational Assistants.
- School funding is historically high as the number of students is historically high.
- Recruitment remains a challenge, as there are concerns that fewer people want to teach in Alberta.
- These are uncertain and challenging times for the Board and administrative teams.
- The Board continues to work through budget planning and capital planning with limited financial resources.
- Supporting students remains the priority, even while working within current constraints.
- Nine new schools are planned for the system.

### **School Capacity and Boundaries**

- Jana raised concerns about potential teacher surpluses, which could result in loss of programs.
- There was discussion about available space in the Bowness High building and the need for approximately 300 additional students to maintain programming.
- Suggestion that community boundaries may need to shift to increase enrollment at Bowness.
- Trustee Regal committed to discussing the matter with Laura H. and determining the process for pursuing boundary changes.
- She will submit a trustee enquiry form and attempt to accelerate discussion on this issue by Tuesday.
- Trustee Regal indicated this will be a priority for her this year.

### **Diploma Exams**

- Grade 12 diploma exams are scheduled as planned.
- Students have started a petition regarding diplomas.
- Parents were encouraged to write letters to their MLA if they wish to express concerns.

### **School Fees**

- Discussion around outstanding school fees.
- Unpaid fees are becoming a significant issue.
- Looking for input as to how to collect these fees while not punishing students



6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A. **Athletics update: Trojan Classic, Senior Boys' Basketball, Rugby/Field Hockey/Badminton/Boys Soccer/Track**

- The tournament was very successful.
- The new Athletic Director organized the event and received many compliments from parents and other schools.
- Highlights included a live DJ and strong school spirit.
- Both Bowness teams won their divisions.
- Spring sports are underway.
- Bowness has a strong rugby tradition, but has also won city championships in other sports.

B. Construction Update: new classrooms and theatre

- The new classroom is on schedule to be ready.
- Work on the theatre space will begin soon, though the final scope is still being determined with CBE

C. Upcoming Conferences: March 19 and 20

Parent-teacher conferences will be held:

- Thursday: In-person
- Friday: Online

D. Graduation Tickets: Banquet and Ceremony coming soon

(payment of all school fees must be completed before student can attend)

E. Two upcoming trips: Rugby April 8-12, Music April 23-2

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- **Rugby trip to Saanich**
- **Music trip to Whistler**

F. Next year planning: RAM, projections, and implications

G. Questions?

No additional questions were raised.



7. SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES  
No updates recorded
8. NEW BUSINESS  
No new business
9. NEXT MEETING DATE -Wednesday, April 8th, 2026
10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the school council meeting at 8:07 pm was moved by Santana and seconded by Cheryl, all in favour

Attendance: Jenny Regal-CBE Trustee, Jana M., Heather J., Marla R., Santana C., Shan R., Maureen A., Natasha S., Lisa M., Sarah-Jane S., Cheryl A., Stacey P.