



The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2, 2024, at 7pm

Location: Zoom

The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the unceded, Traditional Territory of the Okanagan People

COPAC Executive: Nicola Baker (**CLE, CMS**), Jeannette Watson, Leslie Atwell, Deannie Zahara, Simon Adams (**regrets**), Nathan Hind (**BCE** alternate)

In Attendance: Shan G. -**HRE**, Danielle F. – **BHE**, Amanda K. -**RMS, RSS**, Sabrina C.-**WAT**, Carmen K. - **OKM**, Roslyn H. - **HMS**, Allyssa M. -**GRE**, Lisa S.-**RLE**, Brittany C.-**BGE**, Jill G.-**HGE**, Ingeborg K. -**CAS**, Cadre S. – **KSS**, Meenoo T. – **ASM**, Carla H-**BCE**

PARTNERS PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools- Kevin Kardaal

Deputy Superintendent- Terry Beaudry

Assistant Superintendent - Jon Rever

Board of Education: Amy Geistlinger

COTA (Central Okanagan Teachers Association)- Susan Bauhart

CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees)- regrets

1.0 Call to Order -Greetings and Introductions Nicola Baker, COPAC President

2.0 Guest Speakers – Rebecca McCullough (Project Manager, WWEST/iSTAND)

Rebecca shared some of the STEM opportunities available to schools and PACs through WWEST. Teachers can book on site programming and certain grades have access to two events at the University (one in the fall and one in the spring). COPAC tries to circulate details of these events in advance so PACs can encourage their schools to engage where appropriate.

PACs can connect with WWEST for family engagement events through the year (eg. intergenerational STEM events involving students and their parents, grandparents etc.). WWEST also has some availability to set up a booth at family fun nights such as Carnivals and fun fairs.

For more information, please visit <https://wwest-cwse.ca/about/> or email Rebecca at Rebecca.mccullough@ubc.ca

3.0 Establish Quorum (10 Voting Members) Established with 31 school PACs.

AME		ASM		BHE	X	BGE	X	BCE	X	BME		CAS	X	CTE	X	CLE	X	DRE	
DWE		ELE		GME		GRE	X	HGE	X	HRE	X	MJE		NGE		OTS		PLE	
PSE		PGE		QGE		RAY		RVE		RLE	X	SLE		SKE		SRE		SVE	
WAT	X	WRE																	
CMS	X	CNB		DRK		GMS		HMS	X	KLO		RMS	X	SMS					
GESS		KSS	X	MBSS		OKM	X	RSS	X										

4.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval

Motion: To accept the December 2nd, 2024, COPAC General Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motioned by Jeannette W., seconded by Leslie A.

All in favour: **Motion carried**

5.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval

- Motion: To accept the November 4th, 2024, minutes as circulated.
Motioned by Jeannette W., seconded by Leslie A.
All in favour: **Motion carried**

6.0 SD23 PARTNER GROUP REPORTS

Trustee Update – Trustee Amy Geistlinger

- Noted and expressed gratitude for teachers and school staff who are busy with preparation for winter concerts and report cards.
- Shared that updates have been made to policies involving complex health issues such as Diabetes, Anaphylaxis, Seizure disorders etc. There will now be administrative procedures rather than board policies for these to improve timeline to update when

Superintendent Update – Kevin Kaardal

- The Superintendent shared that this will be the last COPAC meeting for Deputy Superintendent Terry Beaudry and expressed his appreciation for her years of service. COPAC President Baker echoed the sentiment and expressed gratitude for Deputy Superintendent Beaudry's commitment to the students and families of SD23 over her long career here. KSS Rep Cadre S. shared some gratitude and appreciation for her personal experiences with Deputy Beaudry.
- The Superintendent reminded COPAC that the fall edition of Together We Learn would be coming out soon. He reminded PACs that teachers and school staff are busy with preparation for winter concerts and report cards and expressed gratitude for their hard work and to the PACs who show lots of support to school staff.
- He shared warm wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

Deputy Superintendent Update- Terry Beaudry

- Deputy Superintendent Beaudry shared some parting words on her experiences in the district and her appreciation for PACs and the opportunity to support parents and PACs over her many years in SD23/

COTA - Susan Bauhart

- Reiterated that Teachers are very busy with report cards and end of term activities as well as ensuring there are fun activities for the students heading into winter break. She wished all a happy holiday season.

CUPE – No representative (Teri Wishlow sends regrets)

DSC – No representative

7.0 PAC 360 – Nicola Baker (*A quick opportunity for PACs to briefly discuss topics they may need assistance with from COPAC or SD23 or topics that might be relevant to other PACs*)

- The BHE COPAC rep inquired about refreshing the blacktop at the school.

No further Questions or Comments for Partner Groups, *Nicola gave opportunity to leave meeting 8:18pm*

8.0 COPAC 360

- Brief notes from District Committee Representatives (PEAC, Human Rights, HPS, Safe Schools, Early Years Partnership). Reminder that, Past meeting minutes are posted to school district website; links to all the committees are on the [COPAC website](#) – Nothing Urgent to report
- **Treasurer Report** – *Leslie Atwell* (see attached Treasurer Report)
 - Shared the bank statements showing that bank accounts for November aligned with reports.
 - Motion: To accept the December 2024 Treasurer's report as presented

- Motioned by Jeannette W., seconded by Danielle F.
 - **All in favour: Motion carried.**
- Reminder to PACs to submit your PACs Gaming Account Summary Report to the Branch, within 90 days of your fiscal year end.
- **PIE – Partners for Inclusive Education** Committee – Reminder January Meeting (Tuesday January 21 6:30pm <https://sd23.zoom.us/j/8569391842>)
- BC Education Facilities Committee – Nathan H. gave a summary of the BC Education Facilities Committee Town Hall from November. Lots of good discussion about issues around capital needed to support maintenance, improvement and increased space in BC Education facilities. Keep an eye out for future events by this group.
- **BCCPAC**
 - Reminder that voting for BCCPAC By-election is open until January 5, 2025
 - Discussion about BCCPAC Membership Registration Deadline
If you plan to pay BCCPAC membership dues, Please PAY your BCCPAC membership fees by December 31 (Reminder Canada Post is on strike so may need to pay by credit card and seek refund)
- **Upcoming Events.**
 - Bylaws Discussion February 6 at 7pm. Zoom link to come, Dyslexia simulation – winter date tba.

9.0 Other Business – None

10.0 In Camera- none

11.0 Adjournment – motioned by Jeanette W. at 8:51pm

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday, January 6, 2025 7:00pm via zoom.

COPAC Website: <http://copac.sd23.bc.ca>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sd23copac/>

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COPAC President: Nicola Baker

Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of **NOV 30/2024**

General Account:

HSBC

Balance Forward	\$	2,253.33
Deposits ()		5,000.00
Cheques written ()		-
Interest		
Service Charges		10.00
Balance	\$	7,243.33

Deposits to general acct

Description	Amount
SD23 Funding	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 5,000.00

Cheques from general Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
Total	\$ -	

Gaming Account:

HSBC

Balance Forward	\$	923.42
Deposits ()		2,500.00
Cheques written ()		200.00
Interest		
Service Charges		10.00
Balance	\$	3,213.42

Cheques from Gaming Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
BCCPAC Fees	\$ 200.00	1002
TOTAL	\$ 200.00	