



**The Central Okanagan Parent
Advisory Council (COPAC)**

*The Umbrella Organization of Parent Advisory Councils in School District
#23*

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MINUTES

Date of Meeting: February 6th, 2017

Location: Hollywood Road Room #1

Members Present:

Rutland Elementary: Toni Adrian <mebns@hook.com>
Raymer Elementary: Adam Clarke <raymerparent@gmail.com>
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George Elliot Secondary: Rick Davidson <rmomo@shaw.ca>
Davidson Road Elementary: Jenn Hopkinson <jennhop24@gmail.com>
Rose Valley Elementary: Jane Nordquist (teacher) <jane.nordquist@sd23.bc.ca>
Casorso Elementary: Cadre Simpson <cadresimpson@hotmail.com>
Mar Jok Elementary: Sarah Shakespeare <sarah_shakespeare@hotmail.com>

Executive Present:

Sarah Shakespeare(Vice President), Valery Chidwick(Member at Large), Cadre Simpson (Member at Large)

District Staff:

District Superintendent: Kevin Kaardal <kevin.kaardal@sd23.bc.ca>
District Deputy Superintendent of Schools: Terry Beaudry <terry.beaudry@sd23.bc.ca>
District Secretary-Treasurer: Larry Paul <larry.paul@sd23.bc.ca>

Trustee:

District Trustee: Rolli Cacchioni <rolli.cacchioni@sd23.bc.ca>

District Trustee: Lee-Ann Tiede <lee-ann.tiede@sd23.bc.ca>

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Purpose: General Meeting
Distribution: Public
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Meeting Guidelines and Agreements

- Seek first to understand, then to be understood
- Demonstrate mutual respect: respect people and ideas. Such respect does not necessarily represent agreement. Everyone has a voice.
- Be confidential and use discretion
- Respect everyone's time. Limit discussion to that which is on the agenda, add additional items to the end of the agenda to be discussed if there is time.
- This meeting is not a venue to discuss specific individuals, schools or situations. Please contact the President directly with any concerns of this nature

7:00 PM – Call to Order

Called By: Sarah Shakespere

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

1.1 Review Meeting Guidelines

1.2 Approve the Agenda/Any additions or amendments: Motion by Nicole, Seconded by Valery

1.3 Approve Minutes, October 7th, 2016: Motion by Rick, Seconded by Valery

2.0 District Reports:

2.1 Superintendent Report:

- the Learning Partnership named Alida Privett (Mar Jok) as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals. This is a national award that celebrates excellent leadership in public education.
- Snow Days: the major district measure in declaring snow days is whether the busses are running, however parents are always entitled to use their own discretion regarding the safety of their children in hazardous weather. The district uses a number of ways to communicate snow day advisories to parents, including: text, email, castanet, global, etc...
- Rolli: raised concerns about sidewalks being cleared in a timely fashion, would the superintendent contact the city about road clearing?

3.0 Executive Report:

- COPAC budget will be presented next month
- Claudette will be taking minutes next meeting

4.0 Trustee Report:

5.0 Committee Reports:

- Cadre - new brochure to be prepared for next meeting Enhancing Student Learning Committee looking for more feedback from parents, (particularly those formerly in SPC committees) looking for any contribution in school plans. Planning Input to be sent to Shelley.
- Valery - 600 parents attended our Lenore Skenazy presentation
- Adam: Human Rights Committee
- Feb Human Rights Calendar (<http://www.copac.sd23.bc.ca/Documents/SD23FebHumanRtsCalendar.pdf>) highlights include:
 - o Harmony Day Living Library Middle School Conference: Feb 2nd 2017
 - o Global School House: Feb 14th - 21st 2017

- o 10th Annual Harmony Day: Feb 15th 2017
- o Pink Shirt Day: Feb 22nd 2017
- o Global Childrens Village: Feb 25th 2017
- In response to COPAC concerns, the district will monitor the frequency of bullying incidents during this month, and will report back to the Human Rights Committee. The district is also committed to making "what to do if you are the bully" part of the Harmony and Pink Shirt Day narratives.
- At Raymer elementary, we are unable to participate in the Global School House this year, as our teachers have a lot going on with supporting their teacher candidates.
- The committee also review the following events:
 - o Change Gamers Community Fair: Oct 13th 2016 feedback was generally positive, excepting to the weather and lineups (the event was more popular than organizers had anticipated)
 - o WE Day: Nov 3rd 2016 feedback was generally positive, video conferencing back to Okanagan Schools worked well to fill the "chosen few" issues. Also noted that some of our students that previously attended as participants, are now attending as organisers.
- Screening of District Harmony Day Video, will be shared with all schools
- Cadre: Health Promoting Schools
- Health Promoting Schools Semi-Annual Report is available, looks at 4 Pillars of Health. Recommendations to updating Sexual Education Policy is currently waiting to go through Policy Committee
- Looking at updating District Drug and Alcohol Literacy Resources with iMinds from UVIC, (<https://www.uvic.ca/research/centres/carbc/publications/helping-schools/iminds/index.php>) please review this resource and comment to Shelley
- looking into improving District Resources supporting Mental Well Being and Substance Use Literacy

6.0 Information Items:

Feb 7th 2017 - Dr. Trevor Corneil on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity at OKM

Feb 21st 2017 - Maggie Ray on Peaceful Parenting at Hollywood Road

(<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/peaceful-parenting-with-maggie-reigh-tickets-31426168516>)

Feb 23rd 2017 - Traci Cooke provides a Student Mental Wellness Literacy Workshop at Hollywood Road

(<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/supporting-student-mental-wellness-a-mental-health-literacy-workshop-tickets-31672404013>)

7.0 SD23 2016/2017 Budget Presentation - Eileen Sadlowski:

- <http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Announcements/Attachments/117/2016-2017%20Budget%20Presentation.pdf>
- Eileen - this presentation is the first of a series of public consultations, it's purpose is to convey a general sense of our budget and challenges
- Kevin - BC was recognized at Learning Forward, a global event for educators, as a high performing region. Furthermore, our district is among the highest performing in BC.
- Rick - George Elliot Graduates recognise student attributes as implemented at their secondary school as being significant in their success
- Kevin - Graduation rates are better for full time students than shown, as released numbers include short term students
- Kevin - New allocations for teacher and CEA wages do not cover all of district costs associated with the implementation of these new positions
- Eileen - we are seeing an increase in special needs student enrollments, so an increase in CEAs is expected to follow

- Rick - will there be a district wide audit for special needs?
- Eileen - The recent audit at George Elliot was a general purpose audit. Typically, the district provides documentation supporting allocations. However, compared with other districts in BC, we are on the lower end of per pupil funding.
- Eileen - Our plan provides for a district wide computer hardware refresh every five years.
- Eileen - An increase in International Student Programs is hoped to address funding gaps.
- Kevin - We have an agreement in Principle with the Teacher's Union, however we are still working through the details of our implementation plan
- Only the contract areas relating to class sizes was deemed to be negotiated in bad faith, the rest of the contract remains in force. We are hoping to get agreement on our plan for next year, but implementation is challenging as the language used in the 2002 agreement was different from current standards. We are working together to meet these new requirements. There is appropriate wiggle room allowing our implementation to do what is best for students.
- While our district is at 104% capacity, not all of our schools are fully allocated, so we are conducting a district wide review of existing facilities. We also have 14 other spaces used in partnerships. We expect some interim measures will need to be taken while we are adapting to these changes.
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- LeeAnne - What about building new schools?
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- Eileen - The current capital plan is to:
 - o build a middle school in The Ponds
 - o build a middle school in Lake Country
 - o reconfigure Quigley
 - o reassign Rutland Middle for other purposes
 - o In addition, we are in discussions with the city about our plans for Glenmore Secondary. We will need temporary solutions for an expected 24-30 month long transition.
- Larry - It takes a month to hire an architect, 6-8 months to tender, and 18-24 months for construction
- Cadre - Also, after our plan is sent to the province, the province may not approve it.
- Kevin - the province has 60 districts and balances needs accordingly
- Valery - What is the size of the new school?
- Larry - We are expecting a capacity of 750 students, but we already have 650 middle school students in that area.
- Terry - Accommodating an increase of the number of classrooms is challenging for our district. A group of 130 staff are meeting tomorrow to analyse options. We are hoping to keep our multipurpose rooms intact.
- Kevin - The province may require districts to convert multipurpose rooms into classrooms. This is part of the negotiation process. Provincial constraints may cause some disruption.
- Eileen - This year, there are more than the typical number of unknowns in the budget. So we have adjusted the budget approval timelines to help manage the resolution of these unknowns. District Finance Meeting are open to the public.
- Kevin - Budget approval process may need to be adjusted to accommodate progress on the teacher's contract and to accommodate the upcoming provincial election. Governance will cease when the Election Writ is issued.
- Rick - While we are managing district finances well, our parents are concerned about their kids falling through the cracks. We are concerned about improving the quality our childrens education.
- Kevin - While we have been managing repeated shortfalls through attrition, but the system is under stress,

in some cases we have been relying on Community Partnerships. Currently the district is focused on a recruitment and hiring drive. Once staffing ratios are met, actual programming will be reviewed.

- Cadre - What are the consequences of carrying a surplus forward?
- Eileen - The province has been questioning surpluses in some districts, but our district has not been questioned.
- Kevin - Sometimes plans don't work out as expected and we have to adjust. The auditor general recommends districts carry a 3% surplus. We worry if it gets less than 1%.
- Ryan - Will the Neighbourhoods of Learning program in the Ponds survive?
- General discussion of the neighbourhoods of learning program.
- Rick - While we are still in the very early stages of the budget review, parents want to give our amazing board and staff more to work with for the sake of our kids.

7.0 Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Rick, Seconded by Valery

Next Meeting Date is: March 6th, 7 PM. Room 3, Hollywood Rd Education Center