



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

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

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

**MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: Monday December 2, 2019 at 7:08pm

Location: Hollywood Road Room #3

**Members Present:**

Dorey G., Janie G., Valary C., Sabrina C., Patrice H., Jessica G., Lori B., Nikke H., Terry L., Lisa F., Paula M., Kong K., Janet D.,

**Schools Represented:**

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

**Executive Present:**

Cherylee M (Co-President), Nicole G. (Co-President), Jennifer B (Secretary), Janet D (Treasurer), Sarah S. (Past President)

**District Staff:**

Kevin Kaardal

**Trustee:**

District Trustee:

**COTA:**

Susan Bauhart

**Guests:**

Julie Loveridge-Marks, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary School

**Purpose:** General Meeting

**Distribution:** Public

**Written By:** Claudette W.

**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

**7:04 PM – Call to Order**

**Called By: Nicole G. (Co-President)**

**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

**2.0 Approve the Agenda**

**Make a motion to amend the Agenda to add Guest Speaker – Julie Loveridge-Marks and to add to the Agenda 8.2 Past President – Sarah S.**

**Motion to Approve Agenda:** Patrice H.

**Seconded:** Valary C.

**3.0 Adoption of Minutes from: Date of Last Meeting: November 4, 2019**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes from November 4, 2019:** Lisa F.

**Seconded:** Terry L.

#### **4.0 Guest Speaker – Julie Loveridge-Marks**

Julie Loveridge-Marks, Teacher, Rutland Senior Secondary, spoke about the organization called Proud For Prom. The goal is to support graduates who have faced adversity or barriers which would otherwise limit their participation in graduation celebrations. They provide dresses, suits, shoes, makeup and more to grads. Volunteers and donations are needed. For more information please refer to their website <https://proudforprom.weebly.com/>

#### **4.1 Guest Speaker – Justin Schneider**

#### **5.0 District Committees**

##### **5.1 Safe Schools Committee**

##### **5.2 Human Rights Committee**

##### **5.3 Public Education Awareness Committee**

Cherylee M reported that the next meeting will be held on January 21, 2020. There will be discussions regarding the next Together We Learn and revising the Volunteer Handbook.

##### **5.4 Early Years Partnership Committee**

##### **5.5 Health Promoting School**

Val C. reported the next meeting will be on Thursday December 5, 2019 regarding Vaping. There will be a Parent Learning Session on Vaping - What are the Affects and Tips for Talking to your Student, being held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 7:00pm at Dr. Knox Middle School.

##### **5.6 Indigenous Education Committee**

Cherylee M. reported on the Meet and Greet at the Westbank Community Hall on December 5, 2019 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Cherylee also commented on the Indigenous Education Head Start Program at South Rutland Elementary School for children ages 3 through 5 years old.

#### **6.0 Board Committees**

##### **6.1 Education and Student Services**

Cherylee M. advised that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 4:30pm at the Board office.

##### **6.2 Public Board Meeting**

Cherylee M. advised that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 4:30pm at the Board office.

##### **6.3 Planning and Facilities Committee**

##### **6.4 Finance and Audit Committee**

##### **6.5 Policy Committee**

#### **7.0 SD23 INFORMATION**

##### **7.1 Trustee Report**

##### **7.2 Superintendent (or designate) Report**

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO, advised that School District No. 23 has volunteered to be a model for the new funding formula. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO also confirmed support for a visit from the BCCPAC President to help educated COPAC members within the Central Okanagan Public Schools. The Superintendent of Schools/CEO further commented on the excellence of athletes and quality of coaches within the Central Okanagan Public Schools.

### **7.3 COTA**

Susan B questioned if there will be a model for the new funding framework or if the Ministry of Education will just proceed with the proposed framework. She also advised that teachers are preparing report cards.

### **8.0 Officers Reports**

#### **8.1 Co-Chair President's – Nicole G/Cherylee M**

Cherylee M. confirmed the Transportation Public Consultation Meetings at Canyon Falls Middle School, Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 6:00pm and at George Elliot Secondary School, Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 6:00pm. Cherylee also reminded members to fill out the Transportation Review Survey.

Nicole G. asked schools to register for the DPAC. Nicole G. also collected the survey forms from COPACs last meeting and gave out new survey forms.

#### **8.2 Past President – Sarah S.**

Sarah. S. reported on the BCCPAC. The BCCPAC is the parent voice on provincial committees dealing with a wide range of issues. The Ministry of Education consults with the BCCPAC on public education issues in the province. The President of the BCCPAC has agreed to visit the COPAC members to provide information and guidance regarding COPAC questions.

#### **8.2 Treasurer**

Janet D. reported that the General account has \$1,031.10 and the Gaming account has \$3,037.41.

Paula M. advised that the Gaming monies cannot be used for COBBS Bursary's.

**A motion to pay for COBBS Bursary's with the General Account:** Jennifer B.

**Seconded:** Janie G.

#### **8.3 Secretary**

Jennifer B. reported that COPAC is looking at and updating the COPAC Constitution and Bylaws. Let COPAC know if you want any changes. Jennifer B. also reported that the Group Facebook page has been closed.

#### **8.4 Member at Large - Jeremy J**

#### **8.5 Member at Large – Darcie D**

#### **8.6 Member at Large – Lahine F**

### **9.0 Open Discussion**

Terry L. is concerned about the ramifications involving CUPE and COTA bargaining. It was confirmed that CUPE has settled and COTA is still in the bargaining process.

### **10.0 Motion to Adjourn, 8:27 Nicole G.**

**Next meeting - Monday January 6, 2020 at 7pm - Hollywood Road; Room 3 / Childcare is available in room 4**