



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: Monday April 12 2021

Location: By Zoom

Members Present:

Schools Represented:

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

Executive Present:

Cherylee M.(President), Janet D.(Treasurer), Lisa F. (Secretary), Jeremy J. (Member at Large), Lahine F. (Member at Large), Nicole G.(Member at Large)

BCCPAC: Sarah Shakespeare, Vice President BCCPAC

District Staff:

Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent, Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent & Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology

Guest Presenter: Justin Schneider, Communications Advisor with Tobias Blaskovits - Learning Tech Consultant and Graham Johnson, Learning Technology Consultant

Trustee:

District Trustees: Moyra Baxter & Chantelle Desrosiers

COTA:

Susan Bauhart

Guests: Brette Richards, District Social Emotional Learning Team

Purpose: General Meeting

Distribution: Public

Written By: Lisa F.

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

1.0 Call to Order

7:02 PM – Call to Order

Called By: Cherylee Morrison (President)

2.0 Guest Speaker

Jordan Kleckner, District Principal of Learning Technology, introduced Digital Equity presentation.

- Explored Timeline of technology journey over last 20 years

- Tobias Blaskovits shared results of technology scan where they engaged with IBM, performed district wide review and district student survey. Had high school students saying need more technology learning, adaptability -> Key themes, redesigned curriculum, demand for access, growing demands on network & infrastructure, access, address equity gap between schools, device proliferation.
- Graham Johnson discussed concept of digital divide, and argued that critical focus should be on Digital Equity through increasing opportunities for students
 - loaning out devices
 - supporting families to purchase by providing discounted devices through continuation of district volume purchasing program
 - Concept of having a personal learning device adoption, shift from a shared device model to each student having their own
 - Component of New Strategy - refresh technology in schools on more frequent basis, Continue to focus on providing personalized learning,
 - Continue working on wifi infrastructure
- SD23 Digital Wellness Resources: <https://www.sd23tld.com/digital-wellness>

Jordan Kleckner concluded that with a rapidly changing technology landscape, there are equity concerns between schools and students, and a need for a "just in time" approach to technology. drivers of digital equity and put out an invitation to PACS to respond with feedback.

Jammie P (SVE & SMS) asked in the chat "For parents do you have a good resource in regards to technology understanding?"
Graham Johnson answered: <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/>

3.0 Approve the Agenda

Move 5.3 up to 5.1 to allow for Brett Richards to speak

Motion to accept agenda as amended: Wayne B (KSS)
2nd by: Sarena S (CNB and SLE)

4.0 Adoption of Minutes from: Date of Last Meeting: January 4 2021

Motion to Accept: Jeremy J (Member at Large)
2nd by: Sarena S (CNB & SLE)

5.0 COPAC Community/Connections

5.1 Community Updates

Miriam D (CAS) would like to get word out about the 2040 OCP (Official Community Plan) and to encourage PACS to engage in dialogue.
<https://getinvolved.kelowna.ca/ocp/widgets/75200/documents>

Jody B (DRK) - shared two questions from the PAC

1. Do they need to put into the Bylaws about using Zoom for official platforms? - Cherylee M offered to send template for updating the bylaws
2. How do they do a secret ballot for voting with zoom? - Sarena S (CNB) suggested using an outgoing executive to facilitate by accepting secret ballots by email, Sarah S (BCCPAC VP) suggested utilizing private chat function within zoom

Nicola B. (CLE) shared update regarding Chute Lake Elementary vandalism, they did a poll of their community and had 100% support of cameras to be installed, also they mentioned parents have communicated wanting more transparency around COVID notices. Kevin K. said that the focus remains on minimizing transmission in schools.

Jeanne H (BME) asked for tips on increasing attendance to AGM, Lisa F suggested having a presenter or other sort of draw to encourage attendance. Janet D. asked about following or co-ordinating with a kindergarten meeting to encourage interest that might follow through in the fall. Catherine D (OKM) also said that their PAC is all leaving and it seems that there is not much interest in joining but proceed and hope for May election to be successful in transitioning the PAC.

Paula M (RSS) asked if there is anything being scheduled nationally or provincially for the grads as there was last year. Terry B, replied that there hasn't been anything for sure but there will be lots of discussion around graduation upcoming and that the district is working on contingency plans, booking videographer etc

Deannie Z (RAY) asked if bussing for field trips are still suspended, Kevin K answered that they are going through a process of finding out if bussing can proceed.

Deannie also shared an invitation from Raymer PAC to attend Internet Safety and Digital Literacy for Parents zoom presentation with The White Hatter-tues, april 20th 7-9pm. if you're interested in attending email raymerpac@gmail.com for link and password.

<https://www.thewhitehatter.ca/online-webinar-programs/Internet-Safety-and-Digital-Literacy-for-Parents-and-Caregivers>

5.2 BCCPAC Updates

Sarah S. (VP BCCPAC) AGM coming up May 1st, updated website with registration information

They are working through resolutions and deciding what needs to be archived/left active.

BCCPAC parent conference <https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences1/conference>

Gaming grant rules have changed, update can be found online, <https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/Documents/Resources/2021-guide-pac.pdf>

5.3 Questionnaire Handout

Brette Richards looking for feedback from parents regarding subjects that parents are interested in for presentation; social emotional learning, what the program is, etc.

Paula M. (RSS) issue around tensions around groups of kids gathering and tensions between groups

Lisa F (COPAC Secretary) asked about child's anxiety or internalizing

Jammie P. (SVE & SMS) information to increase parent awareness

Roseanne K (DWE) suggests connecting with digital safety as well.

Can contact: Brette.Richards@sd23.bc.ca

6.0 District Committees

6.1 Safe Schools Committee

6.2 Human Rights Committee

6.3 Public Education Awareness Committee

Next meeting March 2 2021 at 4:00 PM, Cherylee M. will be in attendance.

6.4 Early Years Partnership Committee

Lindsay R. noted in chat: "A quick update on the Early Years Partnership Committee. We are exploring the new Early Learning Framework. Lots of focus on learning through nature and helping each child connect with their community of learning (family, neighbors, elders, caregivers, friends etc.) very good to see these positive updates. Also exploring how do we best connect families, early learning caregivers, and elementary schools for getting ready to receive new students" (Lisa F. read out note on behalf)

6.5 Health Promoting School

Valary C. (KSS) shared presentation from last meeting by Mr. Delgato and Dr. Lai (TanqSleep) which communicated the sleep requirements of teens and the sleep challenges some teens face. Valary would like to advocate to start getting sleep hygiene into discussions and work on getting into the curriculum.

6.6 Indigenous Education

7.0 Board Committees

7.1 Education and Student Services

Next meeting April 21

7.2 Public Board Meeting

Deannie Z (RAY) attended last meeting, nothing pressing to highlight

7.3 Planning and Facilities Committee

Deannie Z (RAY) attended last meeting, nothing pressing to highlight

7.4 Finance and Audit Committee

7.5 Policy Committee

8.0 SD23 INFORMATION

8.1 Trustee Report;

Chantelle D. (Trustee) asked if Moyra could say something in honor of Trustee Rolli Cacchioni, Moyra shared that Rolli had been involved in the district for 54 years and was incredibly involved in the community and especially in advocating for RMS.

Chantelle said that they are working on an advocacy plan to address some of the issues in the district.

May 4th there will be townhall on strategic plan with results from last survey

By-election to be held June 26th, candidate packages to go out, there will be advance voting as well as mail in voting.

Attended District student council - shared current initiative move for manna, earn activity points to be converted to donations to combat malnutrition

8.2 Superintendent (or designate) Report

Kevin K. shared that they are planning for a near normal start to the fall depending on conditions, which will all be discussed at the provincial level.

8.3 COTA

Susan B. hoping that the school year ends on a strong note and feeling hopeful in seeing the home stretch. Valary C. expressed thanks to Susan and to share thank you to teachers for being there for students this year.

9.0 Officers Reports

9.1 President – Cherylee M.

Cherylee M reminded that this is the time for PACs to be preparing for AGMs and share throughout the community the role of the PAC, executive roles and elections. The BCCPAC webpage is an excellent online resource for all PAC related matters and our executive team is always welcoming to any questions or support you may have. Robert's Rules is our template for a foundation of order and the newest edition is available on line. PACS will be at the AGM next month. Our COPAC Nominations committee Representatives are Roseanne (DWE) and Jammie (SVE & SMS).

Jeremy J provided links in chat: Form for submitting a Nomination <https://forms.gle/ZMEA5fy4sA15WpN6A>

When someone receives a nomination this is the form for them: <https://forms.gle/RbgFu5q7GhCWNJEz9>

Majority of our current COPAC executive members have reached their terms and all positions will need to be filled. Members at Large roles 2021/22: Events Coordinator, Social Media, Bylaws and Committee.

In preparation of the AGM, we will be asking that any reports from our executive team and committee attendees be prepared ahead of time in a pdf format to be attached to the Agenda. In addition, please review the minutes prior to the meeting to expedite our time.

9.2 Vice President – Vivian E.

Not in attendance

9.3 Treasurer – Janet D.

General account at \$8741.48 and Gaming account for March is estimated at \$1,105.

Janet confirmed submitting an application for Gaming Grant last weekend. Note regarding BCCPAC registration, Gaming Funds can now be used by PACs to pay for registration. But DPACS are prohibited from using Gaming Funds for PAC registrations. So if COPAC chooses to continue to cover the registration fees then will need to use General Funds.

Janet addressed the requested bylaw change regarding executive term of office, and asked Valary to table the proposed change:

Valary proposed to change Terms of Office section 9. "No Person may hold the same executive position for more than two consecutive years", to be replaced with, "No person may hold the same executive position for more than three (3) consecutive years"

However, Moyra B. clarified (in correction to interpretation noted during prior meeting) that unfortunately the interpretation of the current bylaws is that the membership (which is the PACS) do need to receive notice of the amendment at least 14 days prior to voting on the amendment at the next meeting

Terry L. proposed amendment to the bylaw change to include "in extraordinary circumstances", Jammie P made recommendation to use the wording proposed during the last meeting but change to COPAC Reps instead of members.

Final wording to be:

9. No person may hold the same executive position for more than two (2) consecutive years. In cases where a person has held a role for two consecutive, one-year terms, and no replacement nomination is put forward, the COPAC Rep's in attendance, by a majority vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3), to extend the term for another year until the next AGM, provided the person holding the position remains a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in SD#23. The maximum consecutive years any person can hold the same executive position, including extensions, is three (3) consecutive years.

Jammie P proposed to accept as amended

Jeremy J 2nd

Motion passed

The accepted proposed amendment is to be emailed out to PACs

9.4 Secretary – Lisa F.

Financial presenter scheduled for April 20 at 6:30, Deannie Z (RAY) asked if it could possibly be rescheduled as the White Hatter is booked April 20 as well, Lisa F advised that she would try and reschedule.

9.5 Member at Large – Lahine E.

9.6 Member at Large – Nicole G.

Not in attendance

9.7 Member at Large - Jeremy J.

Nothing to report

9.0 Motion to Adjourn, 9:43 pm, Cherylee Morrison

Next meeting - Monday May 3 at 7pm - via Zoom