



The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

Minutes: General Meeting

Date: January 9th, 2022 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

1.0 Call to Order

Greetings/Introductions- Simon Adams

2.0 Guest Speaker

John Morrone - Principal E-School SD23 – Provided an overview of e-school opportunities for online learners as well as traditional “brick and mortar” school students.

- Students seeking eSchool23 learning opportunities are generally requiring flexibility with...
 - a. supplementing school schedules
 - b. catch up for graduation requirements
 - c. accommodating other commitments (i.e. sports)
 - d. hybrid options
 - e. prefer learning at home
 - f. travelers
 - g. medical needs
 - h. mental health concerns (i.e. anxiety)
 - eSchool23 authorized by Ministry of Education & Child Care (MECC) to offer students and families a classroom alternative through online learning
 - Supports K-G12 students including graduation and adult learners
 - Home schooling NOT synonymous with Online Learning. Home schooling ☐ no oversight of educational programs by certified educators & does not meet Dogwood Graduation Certificate versus Online Learning ☐ fully accredited, follows BC curriculum and meets Dogwood Graduation Certificate
 - K-9 Virtual School Program – synchronous program with virtual classes with teachers & peers via Zoom; offers various activities like robotics, coding, etc.
 - Middle School Transitions Program – school referral program; partnership program with district middle schools; creation of one off programs customized to meet student’s specific learning and sporting needs and/or “on the border” for not being able to attend traditional school for a variety of reasons.
 - 10-12 Self-Paced Program – Course for full time or part time students including adults; offers hybrid programs
 - Canadian Sport School Program – partnership program with PacificSport Okanagan; specialized multi-sport program for students; half time spent in traditional brick and mortar school and then other half of time transition over to physical learning, sport training
 - Currently e-school provides 3 indigenous course credits with more coming this school year.
- Guest Speaker
- Effective July 1, 2023, eSchool23 programs will only be available to students who ordinarily reside within the Central Okanagan Public Schools’ catchment boundary

3.0 Establish Quorum

Quorum Established

4.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval

- **Motion: To accept the January 9th, 2022 COPAC Agenda as presented. Moved: Roslyn Hazen**
Second: Shannon Gallivan. Motion passed.

5.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval

- **Motion: To accept the December 5th, 2022 minutes as circulated. Moved: Nicola Baker**
Second: Roslyn Hazen. Motion passed.

6.0 SD23 Reports

Trustee Update

- Trustee Johnson provided high level update on multiple Committee meetings
 - Policy Meeting taking place March 1st
 - Finance & Audit meeting in January
 - Planning & Facility meeting reviewed all things transportation – 71 bus routes across district – next meeting in February
 - Education & Student Services meeting – next meeting will
 - Board meeting – January 11, 2023
 - Motions from Board Meetings...
- (i) discussion on bringing back query and discussion period as it is a defined time during Board Meeting for trustees to bring up matters during meeting that are not on the agenda where one can make general comments, bring up concerns, etc. on current events, items in the media garnering attention, etc.

(ii) discussion on removing 2nd public comment & inquiry to Board Members

Superintendent Update

- Operations Team pipes bursting, heating systems failing over Winter Break due to weather conditions
- Glenrosa Middle School lost gymnasium floor and exploring alternative gymnasium for students with transportation being arranged
- 2 tournaments happening: basketball tourney and “Best of the West” tourney
- AAA boys gold medalists from KSS
- AAA girls silver medalists from Mount Boucherie
- Highest graduation rates with 96%
- Visitors from Yukon to review/see SD 23 Indigenous Programs
- 2 staff members sitting on Provincial Committees
- SD 23 have been participating in Early Years Development Instrument (EDI) & Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) since its inception. Will be participating in Youth Development Instrument (YDI) in some schools within district as this is the natural progression for collecting data directly from students and the information is extremely helpful

Partners Update COTA, CUPE, DSC

CUPE 3523 – CUPE was extremely busy over the Winter Break and back at supporting students; currently bargaining with the employers and not as encouraging as this time, but hopeful for a speedy resolution

District Student Council – Focusing on student input and reminding student body that DSC is an advocacy group; discussions on single stall restrooms and soliciting feedback from students

COTA – Educators are back at school and Susan pleased to continue representing COTA at COPAC meetings

7.0 PAC 360

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

- Nathan Hind (Bellevue Creek Elementary President): exploring striking a working group to share information on grant funding to support the development of gardens for schools → suggesting keeping a repository where information can be stored centrally

8.0 COPAC 360

- **Motion: To accept the COPAC financial update as presented Moved: Shannon Gallivan
Second: Valary Chidwick. Motion passed.**
- SD23 Board of Trustees has approved the creation of a French immersion program and George Elliott Secondary at the start of the 2023/2024 school year – Roslyn Hazen
- As a way of measuring the collective efforts of PACs to improve public education, COPAC will be sending a survey to PACs to assess how much each PAC raises each year and how much they donate to school improvement projects – Nicola Baker
- Reminder to PACs. Kindergarten and general enrolment opens on **Monday, January 30, 2023 at 7:00 am.** PACs are encouraged to share across their networks: [SD Enrollment How To Link](#) – Nicola Baker
- Please notify COPAC if you have any resolutions that you would like COPAC to bring forward to BCCPAC – Nicola Baker
- COPAC has reached out to SD23 to create documented Playground Roadmap to assist PACs in the development of playgrounds and outdoor learning centres – Simon Adams
- At the next COPAC meeting Delta Carmichael will present the draft 23/24 SD23 Budget– Simon Adams
- COPAC is seeking 2 volunteers to lead the 2023/2024 COPAC Executive Nominations Committee. Please contact Simon with your interest. – Simon Adams
- COPAC continues to consider changes and updates to its bylaws. Please contact Nicola if you are interested in participating. – Nicola Baker
- **In Camera Discussion:** COPAC Members and PAC Presidents discussed the following Action Item included in the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting agenda:
*12.2 Modification of Public Agenda: Removal of 2nd Public Question/Comment Period
Referred from the Coordinating Committee meeting - January 3, 2023
THAT: The Agenda for Public Board Meetings of the Board of Education of School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) be modified to remove the 2nd Public Question/Comment Period.*

9.0 Other Business

10.0 Motion to Adjourn. Moved: Nicola Baker. Motion Passed.

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday, February 6th, 2022 7:00pm via zoom.

District and Committee Meetings- Information is available on www.sd23.bc.ca

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