



The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

Minutes: General Meeting

Date: December 5th, 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

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CTE		DRE	X	DWE	X	DRK		ELE	X	GESS		GME		GMS		GRE		HGE	
HMS	X	HRE		KLO		KSS	X	MJE		MBSS	X	NGE		OKM		OTS	X		
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SLE	X	SMS	X	SRE	X	SVE	X	WAT		WRE	X								

COPAC Executive:

Simon Adams - President

Nicola Baker - Vice-President

Roslyn Hazen - Treasurer

Deannie Zahara, Member At Large

Shannon Gallivan, Member At Large

Partner Groups

District Staff: Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent

Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

COTA: Mary Hope

CUPE: Terry Wishlow, Simone Gauthier

DSC: Zach Johnson

SD23 Trustees:

Lee-Ann Tiede

Chantelle Desrosiers

Wayne Broughton

Valene Johnson

Amy Geistlinger

Lisa Guderyan

Julia Fraser

1.0 Call to Order

Greetings/Introductions- Simon Adams

2.0 Guest Speakers

We were pleased to host all SD23 Board Trustees for introductions and discussion on new assignments for Trustee School Representatives. Superintendent Kaardal provided an overview of Trustee Liaisons in SD23 and directed COPAC Reps to the SD23 Board Website for a complete list of Trustees and associated schools. Each school in SD23 is designated a Trustee liaison. PACs are encouraged to involve and invite their Trustee reps to any of your events or for discussion (Trustees may not invite themselves). Principals are the first point of contact for SD23 queries and can assist with invitations to Trustees.

3.0 Establish Quorum

Quorum Confirmed

4.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval

- **Motion: To accept the December 5th, 2022 COPAC Agenda as presented. Motion passed.**

5.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval

- **Motion: To accept the November 7th, 2022 minutes as circulated. Motion passed.**

6.0 SD23 Reports

Deputy Superintendent Update:

- Indigenous and BC resident graduation rates have increased
- Parent excused student absences and staff absences have increased slightly over traditional averages. Parents are encouraged to keep students home if they are not well.

7.0 PAC 360

- PACs are reminded to consider bringing school issues relevant to your school community to COPAC at regular general meetings or offline with the COPAC executive. PACs can contact COPAC at anytime at copac.president@sd23.bc.ca
- Indigenous courses graduation requirements were discussed. Deputy Superintendent Beaudry will be visiting RSS, KSS and MBSS in January to discuss with parents. COPAC encourages OKM & GESS PAC to connect with Deputy Superintendent Beaudry on this issue.
- Corporate donations to PACs were discussed. Charitable tax receipts are possible when a donation is directed to SD23, however, PACs cannot issue tax receipts. Please reach out to COPAC if you have any questions.

8.0 COPAC 360

- **Motion: To approve the COPAC financial statements as presented. Motion passed.**
- Notice of Motion: Nicola Baker provided a notice of future motion to authorize the COPAC Executive to formalize collaborative work with other District Parent Advisory Councils (DPAC Coalition) in BC on advocacy issues not covered by BCCPAC.
- SD23 Board of Trustee meetings are being broadcast via zoom. Zoom links can be found at <https://pub-sd23.escrimemeetings.com/>
- Reminder to school communities to report absences due to illness as an “illness” opposed to parent excused absence
- There are a number of walk-in community flu clinics available to students through public health. Check Interior Health Website.
- Please inform COPAC of any guest speakers PACs might like to hear from at future COPAC meetings

10.0 Other Business

11.0 Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn.

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday, January 9th, 2022 7:00pm via zoom.

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

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

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

Twitter: [@COPACSD23](https://twitter.com/COPACSD23)