The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting
Date: November 3, 2025, 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

COPAC Executive: Nicola Baker (**CLE, CMS**), Leslie Atwell (**DRK**), Jeannette Watson (**OKM**), Deannie Zahara (**KSS**), Cadre Simpson (**KLO**) - regrets, Nathan Hind (**BCE**) - regrets

In Attendance: Monica B. (**DWE**), Kristina G .(**AME**), Charlotte B. (**QGE**), Selena H. (**HGE**), Rae C. (**BCE**), Lisa S. (**RLE**), Kevin G. (**SVE**), Shannon T. (**CTE**), Maria B. (**NGE**), Kyle H. (**RAY**), Camilla B. (**KSS alt**), Jenny L. (**BME**), Amanda L.(**SRE**), Roslyn H. (**GESS**), Madisyn P. (**PSE**), Ally C.(**DRE**), Diana M. (**RMS**), Timothy (**PGE**), Meenoo T. (**ASM**).

Partners Present:
Superintendent of Schools – Jon Rever
Board of Education: Trustee – Amy Geistlinger
COTA (Central Okanagan Teachers Association) – Susan Bauhart
CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) – no representative present
DSC (District Student Council) – T.C.

Special Guests:
Tobias Blaskovits – SD23 Learning and Innovation Team
Amy Johnston – Parent at Casorso Elementary

1.0 Welcome & Acknowledgement

- Call to Order – Nicola Baker
- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Quick Introductions

2.0 Establish Quorum

Quorum = 10 Voting Members. Established with 21 school PACs.

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

3.0 Consent Agenda. *(Items are approved together unless pulled for discussion.)*

- **Approval of Agenda**
  - ***Motion: To accept the November 3, 2025, COPAC Agenda as presented.***
- **Approval of June 2025 Minutes**

- ***Motion: To accept the October 6, 2025, Minutes as circulated.***
- Both motions moved by Jeannette W., seconded by Leslie A.. Motions carried.

4.0 360 PAC Story Spotlight – Amy Johnston, a parent at Casorso Elementary, shared her child's experience of being welcomed into the school community and of her experience nominating her child's teacher, Helen Park, for Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. Mrs. Park won the 2025 award, celebrating her and her team for their integral role in creating an inclusive classroom where all students can feel safe, confident, and ready to learn.

5.0 Guest Speakers:

1. SD23 CARE Program – Call for Mentors. Tobias Blaskovits presented an overview of the Climate Action Ripple Effect (CARE) Program and asked for adult community mentors to volunteer to support student project teams. Tobias also talked about the Expo of Awesome where students can present their CARE projects.

2. SD23 Superintendent Jon Rever – Updates on Assistant-Superintendents Portfolios. Jon presented the Reorganization of the Senior Leadership Team in the Service of All Children. He compared a traditional hierarchy structure vs. a service-oriented agency-based organization structure. The new model of organization for SD23 is organized into four areas: "Student Equity - Transitions, Learning Pathways and School Experience", "Student Equity - Diversity, Safety and Wellbeing", "Student Equity and Inclusion", "Student Equity and Excellence in Learning".
   - **Governance, Policy and System Improvement** led by Superintendent of Schools Jon Rever. Supported by the Senior Leadership Team.
   - **Finance and Business Operations** led by Secretary Treasurer/CFO Delta Carmichael.
     - Implementation of Priorities: Assistant Secretary Treasurer Kate Cumming and Director of Operations Rob Drew
   - **Human Resources** led by Executive Director Bob McEwen
     - Implementation of Priorities: Director of Instruction Leanne Zorn and Director of Labor Relations Kyle Cormier
   - **Student Equity and Inclusion** led by Assistant Superintendent Alan Lalonde
     - Implementation of Priorities: Director of Instruction Allison Goreas
   - **Student Equity, Diversity, Safety and Wellbeing** led by Assistant Superintendent Raquel Steen
     - Implementation of Priorities: Director of Instruction Jesse Bruce
   - **Student Equity – Transitions, Learning Pathways and School Experience** led by Assistant Superintendent Lynda Reeve
     - Implementation of Priorities by Director of Instruction Violeta Malfair
   - **Student Equity and Excellence in Learning** led by Assistant Superintendent Jamie Robinson
     - Implementation of Priorities: Director of Instruction Jordan Kleckner

6.0 SD23 Partner Reports

Trustee Update – Amy Geistlinger

- Draft district numeracy assessment was presented at last board meeting. Early assessment means early understanding and intervention when kids need extra help.
- There will be a review and revision of the current board policy manual this year. They will be asking for public feedback about the current policies.
- The board wrote a letter of support for the District of Lake Country, to support updating their roads for student safety while travelling to and from school.
- AGM last week, where Val Johnston was elected the new Chair of the Board and Chantelle Desrosiers is the new Vice Chair.
- Take Your Kid to Work Day on November 5.
- All schools will be having assemblies for Remembrance Day on November 10.
- Next Board Meeting is on November 12 and Policy Meeting is on November 5.

Superintendent Update – Jon Rever

- The board will be undertaking a refresh of the Strategic Plan in Jan and Feb. There will be regional meetings for each family of schools.
- The Enhancement Project Task Force committee is underway and is progressing well. The task force will produce a definition of what an enhancement is, a clear workflow of the process, and there will be communication on a public website about status of enhancement agreements
- The staff will be engaging west side communities and parents about the opening of George Pringle in Sept 2027. More to come on that.
- Ministry of Infrastructure Deputy Minister Bobby Plekas was recently in Kelowna to see Rutland Middle School because MLAs in the area are advocating strongly for the school.

COTA - Susan Bauhart

- Susan gave a quick update from the Central Okanagan Teachers Association.

7.0 PAC 360

- There were no concerns shared during PAC 360.

8.0 COPAC Business

- Treasurer's Report – Jeannette W.
  - ***Motion: To accept the October 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented.***
  - Moved by Shannon T., seconded by Kristina G. Motion carried.

- Executive Vacancy – COPAC Secretary. Nicola asked to please share with your PAC that there is a vacancy for COPAC Secretary that needs to be filled. Please email Nicola is interested.

- Reminder PAC Communications – please update contacts for SD23 PAC/COPAC Rep emails

- COPAC Active Transportation & Safe Routes to School sub-committee – Shannon T. Update from the committee. Please fill out the survey that will be sent out soon. Feedback from PACs will be really helpful to determine how the sub-committee will move forward and what their next steps will be. Nicola shared the website for a $20,000 grant that can be applied for (https://www.visionzerobc.ca/apply-now).

- Upcoming COPAC Events:
  - **Samantha Woods – Executive Function (& ADHD) on November 19**
  - Bylaws (winter 2026)
  - Paul Davis (Two January dates).
  - COPAC Parent Conference will be held on **February 28, 2026**. Mark your calendars!
  - PAC 101. Date conflicted with the Equite in Action event so is postponed. May wait to cover it at the Parent Conference, unless PACs would like us to hold it sooner.
  - Hannah Beach – second session on **May 6, 2026**
  - Equity in Action event in West Kelowna on November 25 at CNB. Connect with your Principal if interested.

- SD23 Enhancement Agreement Task Force (School Improvement Projects) – Opportunity to provide input on the kinds of projects at elementary/middle/secondary. Some examples that were given by PACs: sound systems, glass display cases in hallways, electronic sign, water refill stations, bike racks, murals, recognition walls (enclosed cabinets), ice machine, kilns, shade structures (poles for tarps, pergolas), trees and greenery, picnic tables/outdoor eating spaces.

- PAC/Principal Guidebook – Opportunity to provide early input on "planning the year" calendar suggestions for monthly PAC meeting topics to cover. Nicola will send out a survey asking for input. **Input for SD23 PAC & Principal Guidebook - Monthly Toolkit for PAC meetings – Fill out form**

- Gather ideas for COPAC Winter Conference Event 2026 session topics. Please send any ideas

to Nicola. This will be an open event for all PACs and parents in the school district. It will held be in the newly renovated learning centre on Hollywood Road. (Suggestions from Members noted: have someone present about team building early for PAC executive to build trust and collaboration; strengths-focused keynote/speaker and workshop leader - Jennifer Barroll.)

- BC Gaming Grants – There has been a delay in receiving gaming grants for some schools, due to the BCGEU strike. This should hopefully be resolved now that this strike is over.

- BCCPAC Membership. Please contact Nicola if you have any questions.

- Policy committee meeting this week. Nicola asked if anyone had any concerns they wanted her to bring to the meeting, to let her know.

- Discuss DPAC joint letter to the Minister of Education & Chid Care regarding Family Affordability Fund.

- District Human Rights Committee – COPAC has two seats on the committee. COPAC is looking for another parent to sit on the new Anti-Racism Framework subcommittee. If anyone is interested, please let Nicola and Deannie know.

9.0 Wrap-Up & Adjournment

Adjournment of general session at 8:56PM.

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday, December 1, 2025, 7:00pm via zoom.

District and Committee Meetings - Information available on www.sd23.bc.ca
COPAC Website*: http://copac.sd23.bc.ca*
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sd23copac/

Central Okanagan
Parent Advisory Council
Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of **OCT 31/2025**

General Account:
Beem Financial

Balance Forward	$	5,902.31
Deposits ()		5,000.00
Cheques written ()		-
Interest		
Service Charges		6.95
Balance	**$**	**10,895.36**

Deposits to general acct

Description	Amount
SD23 Funding	5000
Total	5,000.00

Cheques/E-transfers from general Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
Total	-	

Gaming Account:
Beem Financial

Balance Forward	$	3,365.62
Deposits ( )		
Cheques written ()		551.25
Interest		
Service Charges		6.95
Balance	**$**	**2,807.42**

Member Shares: **$** **5.12**

Cheques from Gaming Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
Kaizen Education Services (Parent Ed. Session)	551.25	E-Transfer
TOTAL	551.25	

CARE CLIMATE ACTION RIPPLE EFFECT

Community Engagement Opportunities

MENTORS

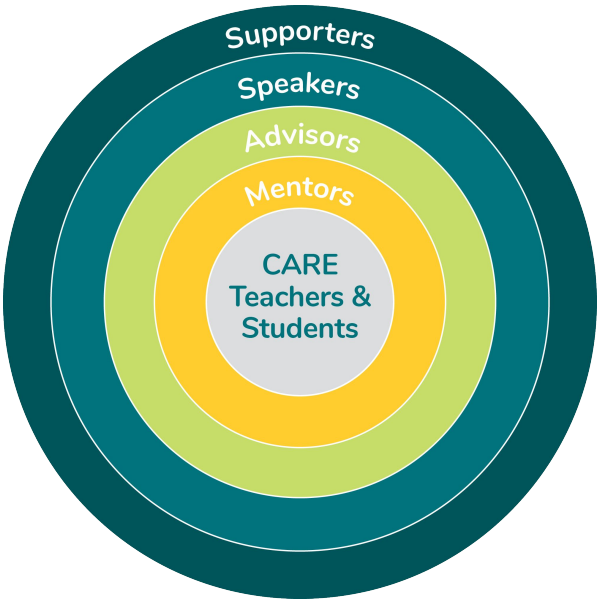
- Recognized as key contributors to student success and CARE project quality
- Work directly with students teams to support project research, design, planning, and development
- Share knowledge, provide local context, connect students with local topic-focused networks
- Time commitment – 10-30 hours

ADVISORS

- Recognized as an important community link to inspire, inform, and refine student thinking
- Support students as a guide-on-the-side to answer topic-specific questions
- Share knowledge and context to support project research/development
- Time commitment – a few hours

SPEAKERS

- Recognized as an important as part of the inquiry learning cycle
- Connect with classroom teachers and students as an in-person or virtual guest presenter
- Provide the gift of story and inspiration to provoke students in their thinking
- Time commitment – 30-90 minutes



The targeted approach above enables wide-spread public engagement that meets student teams' project-specific needs.

SUPPORTERS

- Recognized as vital support for the CARE community
- Support students by providing funding or in-kind support for specific projects
- Time commitment – none, unless you'd like to help mentor a group

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