The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes
Date: January 5, 2026 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**), Leslie Atwell (**DRK**), Jeannette Watson (**OKM**), Nathan Hind (**BCE**), Deannie Zahara (**KSS**), Cadre Simpson (**KLO**)

In Attendance: Shannon T. (**CTE**), Roslyn H. (**GESS**), Camilla B. (**KSS**), Rae C. (**BCE**), Meenoo T. (**ASM**), Kristina G. (**AME**), Timothy (**PGE**), Charlotte B. (**QGE**), Amanda L. (**SRE**), Monica (**DWE**), Maria B. (**NGE**), Shan G. (**HRE**), Brittany C. (**BGE**), Madisyn P. (**PSE**), Diana M. (**RMS**), Lisa S. (**RLE**), Hoa B. (**CTE**), Kyle H. (**RAY**), Ingeborg K. (**CAS**), Jenny L (**BME**)

Partners Present:
Superintendent of Schools – Jon Rever
Board of Education: Trustees – Valerie Johnson
COTA (Central Okanagan Teachers Association) – Susan Bauhart
CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) – Teri Wishlow
DSC (District Student Council) – no representative present

1.0 Welcome & Acknowledgement

- Call to Order
- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Quick Introductions (as needed)

2.0 Establish Quorum

Quorum = 10 Voting Members. Quorum established with 22 voting members present.

AME	X	ASM	X	BHE		BGE	X	BCE	X	BME	X	CAS	X	CTE	X	CLE	X	DRE	
DWE	X	ELE		GME		GRE		HGE		HRE	X	MJE		NGE	X	OTS		PLE	
PSE	X	PGE	X	QGE	X	RAY	X	RVE		RLE	X	SLE		SKE		SRE	X	SVE	
WAT		WRE																	
CMS		CNB		DRK	X	GMS		HMS		KLO	X	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 January 5, 2026 COPAC Agenda as presented.***
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - ***Motion: To accept the December 1, 2025 Minutes as circulated.***
- Motions carried.

4.0 Guest Speaker: none

5.0 SD23 Partner Reports

- Trustee Update – Val Johnson
    - Excited to meet with the COPAC execs and representatives or PAC presidents on January 15th from 6-9pm for a Strategic Plan Refresh discussion.
    - Other Strategic Plan Refresh discussions at RSS on Jan 22, GESS on Jan 26, MBSS on Feb 5, KSS on Feb 10, and OKM on Feb 17. Lots of opportunities for families to provide feedback on strategic plan refresh.
    - The board has been working on the policy review process. They are excited to share more information about that at the upcoming Policy committee meeting.
    - Enrolment for the upcoming school year opens on February 2nd at 7am, and is open until March 31.
    - The next board meetings include the Policy committee meeting on January 14th at 4pm, Finance and Planning committee meeting on January 21st at 4pm, public board meeting on January 28th at 6pm, and Education and Student Services committee meeting on February 4th at 4pm. All of these meetings are open to the public.

- Superintendent Update – Jon Rever
    - They are working on a broad-based engagement strategy to include the public and partner groups in the Strategic Plan Refresh. As mentioned during the trustee update, there will be 6 engagement sessions.
    - Registration link for the January 15th session for COPAC execs and reps: COPAC/PAC Registration Link
    - The questions that will be discussed at the sessions are as follows (taken from the registration page for the Strategic Plan Engagement):
        1. When you think about the world students are entering today, what do you believe students need most from their experiences in our schools?
        2. What is the single most important change you believe would improve student learning for all students?
        3. What would help families feel more meaningfully involved in supporting student learning?
        4. What is one change that would make schools healthier and more supportive places for students, staff, and families?
    - February 28th – Parent Symposium (COPAC Partnership). Open to all SD23 parents and caregivers.

- Partners Update, CUPE – Teri Wishlow
    - Custodial staff, operations, and some clerical staff were working in the schools to get things caught up over the holidays, but everyone overall got a good break.
    - CUPE is currently in bargaining and it is moving very slowly.

- Partners Update, COTA – Susan Bauhart
    - Teachers will still be wearing red shirts in the schools on Wednesdays. Parents are invited to also wear red on Wednesdays.

6.0 PAC 360

- No PAC Story Spotlight for this meeting.
- Shannon T. shared that the Indigenous Education team has been coming to their school (Chief Tomat) weekly to teach the Grade 4/5 classes the nsyilxcən language. She gave kudos to the school district for making that happen. (https://www.firstvoices.com/syilx)
- The Kelowna Museum offers opportunities to learn nsyilxcən. The next offering is: Learning a Language: nsyilxcen for Everyone Level 3 – starting January 20th. https://www.kelownamuseums.ca/event/learning-a-language-nsyilxcen-for-everyone-level-3-4/

7.0 COPAC Business

- Treasurer's Report – Jeannette
  - General account balance: $10,895.36, Gaming account balance: $2,593.52
  - ***Motion: To accept the December 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented.***
  - Motion moved by Shannon T., seconded by Leslie A. Motion carried.

- District Committee Reports: n/a
  - Enhancement Project Task Force has a new chair – Jordan Tiney. The next meeting is on Jan 19th.

- 2026 COPAC Nominations Committee
  - **Motion**: To Call for volunteers for the 2026 COPAC Nominations Committee to be appointed at the February 2026 COPAC General Meeting
  - Motion moved by Shannon T., seconded by Cadre S. Motion carried.

- **COPAC Reps & PAC Presidents – January 15, from 6-9pm. Opportunity for engagement on review/development of SD23 Strategic Plan – Registration will be circulated.**

- **Paul Davis (January 19th KLO, January 20th CNB – 6:30-7:40 plus Q&A)**
  - Paul Davis presentations have been excellent in the past.
  - Registration: **https://forms.gle/Vx5kseTFaMBK1j4t6**

- **COPAC Parent Conference (February 28, 2026 – 9am - 3pm)**
  - Registration Link: **COPAC Conference Registration**
  - Amanda L. is willing to help out with the conference, possibly also presenting.
  - Roslyn will also help with putting together presentations.

- Other events: Bylaws (winter 2026 virtual or at Feb Conference), PAC 101, Hannah Beach (second session May 6, 2026), Samantha Woods – fall 2026?

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

- Announcement from WWEST & Okanagan Shuswap Regional Science Fair – 2026 Regional Science Fair Dates March 10 & 11 2026. https://region.youthscience.ca/okanagan-shuswap/

- Request for COPAC Reps to seek input from their school community on transportation issues for report at February COPAC meeting. See *December 10, 2025 Board Package for transportation Report*

8.0 Other items (n/a)

9.0 Wrap-Up & Adjournment (5 min)

- Adjournment of general session – 7:55pm

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting - Monday February 2, 2026 at 6:30pm via zoom (registration will be required for the February meeting as it is open to the public for the Budget Presentation).

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

COPAC Website*: http://copac.sd23.bc.ca*

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

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Parent Advisory Council
Treasurer's Report

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

General Account:
Beem Financial

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

Deposits to general acct

Description	Amount
Total	$ -

Cheques from general Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
Total	$ -	

Gaming Account:
Beem Financial

Balance Forward	$	2,600.47
Deposits ( )		-
Cheques written ()		-
Interest		
Service Charges		6.95
Balance	**$**	**2,593.52**

Cheques from Gaming Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
TOTAL	$ -	

Member Shares: **$ 5.12**