The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes
Date: March 2, 2026 at 7:00pm
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**), Deannie Zahara (**KSS**), Nathan Hind (**BCE**), Cadre Simpson (**KLO**)

In Attendance: Kevin G. (**SVE**), Charlotte B. (**QGE**), Madisyn P. (**PSE**), Monica B. (**DWE**), Roslyn H. (**GESS**), Timothy L. (**PGE**), Shannon T. (**CTE**), Shan G. (**HRE**), Kristina G. (**AME**), Maria B. (**NGE**), Lisa S. (**RLE**), Jenny L. (**BME**), Kyle H. (**RAY**), Ally C. (**DRE**)

Partners Present:
Superintendent of Schools – Jon Rever
Board of Education: Trustee –Wayne Broughton
COTA (Central Okanagan Teachers Association) – regrets
CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) – regrets
DSC (District Student Council) – no representative present

1.0 Call to Order

Land Acknowledgment, Greetings/Introductions- Nicola Baker

2.0 Guest Speakers

Freya Goett and Rhoda Viray, Interior Health, gave a presentation about HPV Prevention. For more information about HPV Prevention or if you have any questions, contact Freya at Freya.goett@interiorhealth.ca.

3.0 Establish Quorum

Quorum = 10 Voting Members. Quorum established with 19 voting members present.

AME	X	ASM		BHE		BGE		BCE	X	BME	X	CAS		CTE	X	CLE	X	DRE	X
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		SVE	X
WAT		WRE																	
CMS	X	CNB		DRK	X	GMS		HMS		KLO	X	RMS		SMS					
GESS	X	KSS	X	MBSS		OKM	X	RSS											

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

- **Approval of Agenda**
  - ***Motion: To accept the March 2, 2026 COPAC Agenda as presented.***
- **Approval of Minutes**
  - ***Motion: To accept the February 2, 2025 Minutes as circulated.***
- *Motions carried by acclamation.*

5.0 SD23 Partner Reports

- Trustee Update – Wayne Broughton
  - Some of the motions passed at the last board meeting included:
    - Bus transportation fees were increased to $550/year.
    - Some new board authority authorized courses were approved including individual sports training 10A/10B, cross training 10, acoustic guitar making 11/12 ,and outdoor education 10.
  - Budget survey is currently open, but it closes on Weds March 4. They'd like to hear from as many people as possible to make sure as many voices are heard as possible.
  - Thank you to all the parents that participated in the Strategic Plan Engagement Sessions. On Weds March 4, the board will be reviewing the feedback and looking at next steps.
  - There is a Policy Committee meeting on Weds March 4. They will be looking at the board's work so far at revamping and restructuring the policy structure.
  - The next public board meeting is on March 11th.

- Superintendent update – Jon Rever
  - Appreciation and gratitude to COPAC for putting on the Parent sessions on Saturday, as it went really well. It would be good to continue having the event in future years, perhaps every second year.
  - There have been 5 public engagements and 5 partner group engagements for the strategic plan review. The online version is available now: Welcome - Thoughtexchange
  - Admin transfers – there were recent administrative transfers in Feb. Jon acknowledged that admin transfers midyear are disruptive to the community and the school, and they avoid doing it midyear if they can help it. There are currently quite a number of people who will be retiring soon, and the plan is to try to make it as least disruptive as possible.
  - There will be a Safe Schools presentation at the next public board meeting on March 11.
  - Erase reporting tool: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/erase
  - Long range facilities plan feedback input opportunity, open until Friday March 13. Make your opinion heard about the long range plan for the facilities in SD23: Long-Range Facilities Plan Survey - Central Okanagan Public Schools

- Partners Update (COTA, CUPE, DSC) – no partner representatives present

- Brief notes from District Committee Representatives (HPS, Safe Schools, Early Years Partnership, HRC/Anti-racism subcommittee)
  - The Safe Schools meeting was postponed.
  - Health Promoting Schools (HPS) Committee (Nicola):
    - The middle years development survey is happening now.
    - Junior Canucks floor hockey program started in some of our schools
    - New pilot program started on pink shirt day – Ambassadors of Compassion. It is a non-profit organization that has its roots in the United States and it's now moved into Canada. It brings students together around a social-emotional framework, It's a mixture of leadership and compassion for other students. It includes both some public schools and some independent schools in Kelowna.
    - Outsideplay.org – they have a book "Embracing Risky Play at School". If anyone is interested, please check it out.
  - Human Rights Committee (Deannie):
    - PACs can access the following resource tool using their SD23 email login credentials – the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion. https://www.ccdi.ca/en

6.0 PAC 360

- District wide student engagement opportunities:
  - FLL (First Lego League) on Feb 21 at HMS
  - Battle of the Books – gr.4-6 (Check out local bookstores or libraries for reading lists)
  - SumoBot – Thursday May 21
  - Care Program
  - Regional Science Fair on Tuesday March 10 at UBCO

7.0 COPAC Business

- Treasurer's Report – Jeannette
  - **Motion: To accept the February 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented.**
  - *Motioned by Leslie, seconded by Cadre. Motion carried.*
  - Gaming Grant applications open on April 1. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Grants - Province of British Columbia

- 2026 COPAC Nominations Committee
  - **Motion: To call for nominations for the 2026/2027 COPAC Executive.**
  - *Moved by Jeannette, seconded by Shannon. Motion carried.*
  - Nominations form: https://forms.gle/rrJcNpxUZBEBw79M7

- Last chance to submit comments to the SD23 Budget Survey for 2026/2027 school year. Deadline to submit input is March 4, 2026 https://www.sd23.bc.ca/news/2026-2027-budget-presentation-20260120212902

- **Events:**
  - Report on COPAC Parent Conference
    - Thank you to everyone who attended. Also a huge thank you to all of the staff and community partners who volunteered their time to present at the conference.
    - The numbers were lower than anticipated, mainly due to illness. However, the people who attended were amazing with great energy, the sessions were fantastic, and people were making lots of connections.
    - The general feedback was the sessions were amazing, and people wished they could attend all of the different sessions.
  - Bylaws (7pm March 9, 2026) – Register for zoom https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/hDF8ie8XR1elEnyV84O5xA
  - Hannah Beach (second session May 6, 2026)

- Enhancement Task Force Updates – work is progressing. Discussions ongoing around minimum outdoor facilities standards for each level of school in SD23.

- School Fair/Carnival events – Discussion of last spring's events, awareness of Technical Safety BC, etc.
  - Make sure any amusement rentals are approved by Technical Safety BC.
  - STEM organizations and other community organizations are happy to attend PAC events, such as WWEST, Geering Up, Let's Talk Science, Okanagan Regional Library, RDCO, and Family Smart.

- WWEST – They are funded by research grants but they need to have matching money in order to receive those funds. They have reached out to COPAC. They go into schools across BC and the Yukon and run free STEM curriculum-based programs for students. If you know of any money sources locally, please let Rebecca from WWEST know. A note to bring back to your PACs - when WWEST comes to your school, they don't ask for payment but they appreciate donation towards their programs when possible.
  - **Motion**: To commit $500 per year to WWEST for parent education for 5 years, starting in the 2026-2027 school year.
  - *Moved by Kristina G., seconded by Roslyn H.* Motion was defeated.

- PAC/Principal Guidebook – still in development. Anyone interested in participating in development, please reach out to Nicola or Leslie.

- BCCPAC Parent Conference & AGM – April 24-26 Vancouver
    - BCCPAC Resolutions Discussion. We haven't submitted any special resolutions, but we will submit some ordinary resolutions. A number of possible resolutions were discussed including several that would guide the work of the bylaw review process over the coming year. If you are interested in the list of ideas for ordinary resolution submissions this year, please reach out.
    - Potential non-bylaw related resolutions include:
        - BC Sports – standardised requirements for training for community coaches
        - Language on assessments – to request a review and parent engagement on assessment language (proficiency scale).
        - A suggestion was made by a COPAC member to write a resolution to clarify how/when PACs that aren't members can participate. Does BCCPAC claim to represent all parents?
        - A suggestion was made by a COPAC member to submit a resolution about deaths in schools, and the supports that are provided. Communication and unequal treatment vary depending on the situation.

8.0 Other items

- none.

9.0 Wrap-Up & Adjournment

- None

10.0 Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm.

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday April 13, 2026 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/