The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

Annual General Meeting Minutes
Date: May 4, 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/CMS**), Leslie Atwell (**DRK**), Jeannette Watson (**OKM**), Nathan Hind (**BCE**), Deannie Zahara (**KSS**). Regrets: Cadre Simpson

In Attendance: Roslyn H. (**GESS**), H. Berg (**CTE**), Kristina G. (**AME**), Camila B. (**KSS**), Lisa S. (**RLE**), Maria B. (**NGE**), Timothy L. (**PGE**), Shannon T. (**CTE**), Monica B. (**DWE**), Madisyn P. (**PSE**), Kevin G. (**SVE**), Jenny L. (**BME**)

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

1.0 Call to Order

Greetings/Introductions - Nicola Baker

2.0 Guest Speaker

None

3.0 Establish Quorum

Quorum = 10 Voting Members. Quorum established with 16 voting members present.

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

4.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval

Draft Motion: To accept the amended May 4, 2026 COPAC Annual General Meeting Agenda as presented.

- *Moved by Camila, seconded by Jeannette. Motion carried.*

5.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval

Draft Motion: To accept the April 13, 2026 COPAC minutes as circulated.

- *Moved by Shannon, seconded by Roslyn. Motion carried.*

6.0 SD23 Reports

Trustee Update – Julia Fraser

- At the last public board meeting, Assistant Superintendent Raquel Steen and Planning Manager David Widdis gave a presentation about the opening of Ecole George Pringle Secondary School in September 2027, in regard to the placement of secondary students in West Kelowna in order to better align enrolment at middle and secondary schools. There will be two upcoming parent information sessions: at CNB on May 5th from 6-8pm and at Glenrosa on May 7th from 6-8pm. The trustees will be present at both info sessions and will be looking for parent feedback about the possible options.
- Trustee Fraser encouraged interested parents to consider running for school trustee in the upcoming election.
- The board has adopted new policy and administrative procedures categories as follows:
  - Policies categories are:
    1. Board Governance
    2. Superintendent/School Board Relations
    3. Operation Expectations
    4. Student Achievement, Learning and Wellbeing (Results)
  - Administrative Procedure categories are:
    1. Business Finance
    2. Community Partnerships
    3. Critical Incidents
    4. Human Resources
    5. Instructional Programs
    6. Operations/Facilities
    7. Students
    8. Technology
- The board has also approved the results of the Policy Manual mapping and sorting process. Policies as they were on April 21, 2026 are to be archived an retained indefinitely and will be made available to the public upon request.
- The budget for the 2026/2027 school year was reviewed at the last Finance Committee meeting and will be brought forward for approval at the next public board meeting.
- Also at the last Finance Committee meeting, a comprehensive review of the transportation of secondary students was presented. They looked at current ridership data and the impact of moving some secondary school bus riders to the public bus system and/or shifting secondary school bell schedules. While BC Transit currently services all secondary schools in the district, service levels vary significantly depending on location and timing. There were two proposed options for moving forward, the second of which will be brought to the board. This would mean changing the bell schedule for secondary schools to starting at 9:15am and ending at 3:30pm. This would create efficiency for bussing students, resulting in a decrease in the

number of bus routes and a cost savings of about $600,000. This would also create more capacity for additional riders.

- Trustee Fraser brough forward a motion about the need for an increase in per-pupil funding from the province.

Superintendent Update – Jon Rever

- Last week the Board approved a record number of admin transfers. The 24 admin in the list below will be assigned effective July 1, 2026.
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1. **Bobbi Hunter**
   FROM: Principal at École Glenrosa Middle School
   TO: District Principal – Student Health, Safety, and Wellbeing
2. **Stephanie Read**
   FROM: Principal at École Glenrosa Elementary School
   TO: Principal at École Glenrosa Middle School
3. **Graham Johnson**
   FROM: Vice-Principal at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
   TO: Principal at École Glenrosa Elementary School
4. **Julie Rubadeau**
   FROM: Teacher at Springvalley Middle School
   TO: Vice-Principal at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
5. **Vincent Hunter**
   FROM: Principal at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
   TO: District Principal – Student Transitions
6. **Steve Labrie**
   FROM: Principal at Rose Valley Elementary School
   TO: Principal at École Okanagan Mission Secondary School
7. **Barrie MacLeod**
   FROM: Principal at Ellison Elementary School
   TO: Principal at Rose Valley Elementary School
8. **Rani Gandham**
   FROM: Vice-Principal at Rutland Senior Secondary School
   TO: Principal at Ellison Elementary School
9. **Chris Oakes**
   FROM: Vice-Principal at eSchool23
   TO: Vice-Principal at Rutland Senior Secondary School
10. **Thomas Gruenenwald**
    FROM: Principal at Springvalley Middle School
    TO: Principal at École Peter Greer Elementary School
11. **Michelle Relova**
    FROM: Principal at Black Mountain Elementary School
    TO: Principal at Springvalley Middle School
12. **Kevin Auclair**
    FROM: Vice-Principal at École Dr. Knox Middle School
    TO: Principal at Black Mountain Elementary School
13. **Elizabeth Isabelle**
    FROM: Teacher at École Glenrosa Middle School
    TO: Vice-Principal at École Dr. Knox Middle School
14. **Brady Holland**
    FROM: Principal at Mar Jok Elementary School
    TO: Principal at École Casorso Elementary School
15. **Brady Ibbetson**

FROM: Principal at École Glenmore Elementary School
TO: Principal at Mar Jok Elementary School

16. **Lee-Ann Yapps**
    FROM: Principal at École Belgo Elementary School
    TO: Principal at École Glenmore Elementary School
17. **Raelyn Larmet**
    FROM: Principal at École Bellevue Creek Elementary School
    TO: Principal at École Belgo Elementary School
18. **Benita Briere**
    FROM: Vice-Principal at Chute Lake Elementary School
    TO: Principal at École Bellevue Creek Elementary School
19. **Kristy Fletcher**
    FROM: K-12 District Learning and Innovation Team
    TO: Vice-Principal at Chute Lake Elementary School
20. **Adrian Zuyderduyn**
    FROM: Vice-Principal at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
    TO: Principal at Webber Road Elementary School
21. **Laura Wiemken**
    FROM: Vice-Principal at École K.L.O Middle School
    TO: Vice-Principal at Constable Neil Bruce Middle School
22. **Lindsey Stevens**
    FROM: K-12 District Learning and Innovation Team
    TO: Vice-Principal at École K.L.O Middle School
23. **Jamie-Lee Prasad**
    FROM: Teacher at Raymer Elementary School
    TO: Vice-Principal at Chief Tomat Elementary School
24. **Chris Cartwright**
    FROM: Acting Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School
    TO: Vice-Principal at Mount Boucherie Secondary School

- General Affairs Committee Meeting on May 6th where Jon will present the results of the parent and community engagement session for the development of the Board Strategic Plan Refresh. Agenda: General Affairs Committee Meeting - May 06, 2026
- Question about emergency preparedness and whether we have school evacuation plans for schools in our school district. The answer is yes, definitely. Every school has an evacuation plan that includes evacuation routes and criteria about when to evacuate.

7.0 PAC 360

- Shannon T. shared that Chief Tomat received $3000 in sponsorship from Common Goods Pharmacy for their Lego club and robotics program.

8.0 COPAC 360

- Treasurers Report – Jeanette Watson
    - **Draft Motion: To accept the April 2026 Treasurer Report as Presented**
      Moved by Camila, seconded by Roslyn. Motion carried.
    - **Reminder to submit PAC 2026 BC Gaming Application by June 30

- PACs & School Administration working together in a tight budget year. Be strategic with your PAC finances, as school budgets will be tight.

- COPAC Events
    - COPAC hosting Hannah Beach - Wednesday May 6, 2026 @ 7pm. The topic is "Cell phones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can do to Support Our Kids". There is space for up to 500 attendees.

- BCCPAC Parent Conference & AGM Report – April 24-26 in Vancouver.
    - The speakers at the Parent Conference were excellent and informative. The Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Education and Child Care both spoke at the parent conference and took questions from the floor. The AGM also went very well.
    - COPAC submitted the following resolutions, all of which were approved:
        1) School Safety Impacts of Permanent Daylight-Saving Time (amended)
        2) Equitable Provincial Funding and Standards for Classroom Technology as Core Educational Infrastructure
        3) Review of K–9 Provincial Proficiency Scale Reporting

9.0 COPAC AGM

- Annual Report – COPAC Executive (see attached)
  Draft Motion: To Accept the 2025/2026 Annual Report as Presented
  Moved by Jeannette, seconded by Roslyn. Motion carried.

- Budget: Treasurer's projected year-end report
  Draft Motion: To Accept the Treasurer's 2025/2026 Projected Year-End Report
  Moved by Shannon, seconded by Roslyn. Motion carried.

- Proposed budget for July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 was presented for information. The budget will be approved at the June 2026 general meeting.

- 2026/2027 COPAC Executive Election – Camila Biffard
  Notice of Nominations made at the last three COPAC General Meetings for the COPAC Executive positions. Nominations forms were circulated electronically to COPAC reps and PAC Presidents; from those we received one nomination for each position for the 2026/2027 school year as follows:
  • President: Leslie Atwell
  • Vice President: left unfilled
  • Treasurer: Rosyln Hazen
  • Secretary: Nathan Hind
  • Members at Large: Lisa Schechtel, Kristina Grant, Deannie Zahara
  The Vice President position is left unfilled and can remain open to fill by appointment by the COPAC Executive.
  After three calls for nominations from the floor and that there were no further nominations, the Nominations Committee Chair declared the following nominees are appointed by acclamation: Leslie Atwell is elected President, Roslyn Hazen is elected Treasurer, Nathan Hind is elected Secretary, and Lisa Schechtel, Kristina Grant, and Deannie Zahara are elected Members At Large for a 1 year term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 by unanimous consent of the members present.
  Motion: To accept the newly elected 2024/2025 COPAC Executive.
  Moved by Camila, seconded by Jeannette. Motion carried.

- Changes to COPAC Signing Authorities
  Motion: To remove Nicola Baker and Jeannette Watson as signing authorities.
  Moved by Camila, seconded by Shannon. Motion carried.

  Motion: To appoint the 2026/2027 COPAC Signing Authorities as: Leslie Atwell, Roslyn Hazen and Nathan Hind
  Moved by Deannie, seconded by Shannon. Motion carried.

10.0 Other Business

11.0 Meeting Adjourned at 8:24pm.

Future COPAC Meetings

Next COPAC GM - Monday, June 1, 2026 7:00pm via zoom.

COPAC Website: www.copac.sd23.bc.ca

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

- PACs Helping PACs -Thompson Okanagan/Interior Facebook Group https://www.facebook.com/groups/1033632094499660

Central Okanagan
Parent Advisory Council
Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of **APR 30/2026**

General Account:
Beem Financial

Balance Forward	$ 5,464.94
Deposits ()	-
Cheques written ()	1,635.51
Interest	
Service Charges	6.95
Balance	**$ 3,822.48**

Deposits to general acct

Description	Amount
Total	$ -

Cheques from general Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
Nicola BCCPAC Expenses (Travel and Accommodation)	$ 1,066.73	e-transfer
Leslie BCCPAC Expenses (Travel and Accommodation)	$ 568.78	e-transfer
Total	$ 1,635.51	

Gaming Account:
Beem Financial

Balance Forward	$ 312.67
Deposits ( )	
Cheques written ()	
Interest	
Service Charges	6.95
Balance	**$ 305.72**

Cheques from Gaming Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
TOTAL	$ -	

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Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

Approved Budget July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

GENERAL ACCOUNT		**General Account Expenditure Update**	
Opening Balance	$5,723.16		
General Revenue:			
SD#23 Grant	$5,000.00	$350.00	BCCPAC subsidy rebate
Total General Revenue	**$5,000.00**		
Total funds available for Expenditures	**$10,723.16**	**$11,073.16**	**updated Total Funds**
General Expenditures:			
PAC Community Building/Parent Conference	$2,000.00	$4,250.47	Parent Conf
BCCPAC Conference Fees	$800.00	$848.00	BCCPAC Reg (AGM & EGM)
Education	$3,000.00	$475.00	Remaining Paul Davis fees
Travel & Accommodation	$3,000.00	$1,635.51	BCCPAC AGM Travel Expenses
		$41.70	Banking Fees
Total Expenditures	**$8,800.00**	**$7,250.68**	**Total Expenditures**
General Account Over / Under	**$1,923.16**	**$3,822.48**	**Remaining Balance**

GAMING ACCOUNT		**Gaming Account Expenditure Update**	
Opening Balance	$886.47		
Gaming Revenue:			
BC Gaming Grant	$2,500.00		
Total Gaming Revenue	**$2,500.00**		
Total funds available for Expenditures	**$3,386.47**		
Gaming Expenditures:			
BCCPAC DPAC Membership	$200.00	$200.00	DPAC Membership
PAC Community Building	$1,000.00		
Presenter Fees	$2,000.00	$2,811.25	Kaizen, Hannah Beach, Paul Davis
		$69.50	banking fees
Total Expenditures	**$3,200.00**	**$3,080.75**	**Total Expenditures**
Gaming Account Over / Under	**$186.47**	**$305.72**	**Remaining Balance**

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Proposed Budget July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

GENERAL ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	$2,822.48
General Revenue:	
SD#23 Grant	$5,000.00
Total General Revenue	**$5,000.00**
Total funds available for Expenditures	**$7,822.48**
General Expenditures:	
BCCPAC Conference Fees	$800.00
Education	$2,500.00
Travel & Accommodation	$3,000.00
Total Expenditures	**$6,300.00**
General Account Over / Under	**$1,522.48**

GAMING ACCOUNT	
Opening Balance	$305.72
Gaming Revenue:	
BC Gaming Grant	$2,500.00
Total Gaming Revenue	**$2,500.00**
Total funds available for Expenditures	**$2,805.72**
Gaming Expenditures:	
BCCPAC DPAC Membership	$200.00
PAC Community Building	$1,000.00
Presenter Fees	$1,000.00
Total Expenditures	**$2,200.00**
Gaming Account Over / Under	**$605.72**

Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)

May 2026

On behalf of the Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC), I am pleased to submit our 2025–2026 Annual Report. This has been a year of real momentum – from bringing inspiring speakers to families across the district, to hosting our first in-person Parent Conference since before the pandemic, to making meaningful progress on long-standing district priorities alongside our school and district partners.

Throughout the year, COPAC has continued to prioritize connection, learning, and advocacy for families across SD23. Highlights from our work include:

- Hosting Hannah Beach for a fall virtual session on Understanding Adolescents, with a second session on cellphone health and wellbeing coming May 6, 2026.
- Hosting Samantha Woods from Kaizen Education on executive functioning skills – building on her engagement as the keynote speaker at the district's teacher fall professional development day for meaningful shared learning across home and school.
- Partnering with schools and PACs to bring Paul Davis to SD23 for two in-person parent evenings and student sessions at most middle schools, covering digital safety, smartphones, social media, and online wellbeing.
- Hosting the first in-person, all-day COPAC Parent Conference since before 2020 – a day of learning, connection, and community that reminded us all of the power of coming together in person.
- Maintaining a consistent presence at school board and district committee meetings and continuing to represent the parent voice across SD23.
- Regular meetings with the School District Superintendent
- Participating actively on the district's Partnership Projects task force, working alongside senior district leaders, principals, and operations staff to re-open meaningful pathways for PACs to support outdoor learning and play improvements at their schools.

- Supporting the SD23 strategic plan renewal process by ensuring a dedicated input session for COPAC members and PAC executives, and encouraging participation in the high school community sessions.
- Continuing to engage at the provincial level through strong connections with DPACs across BC, and noting increased opportunities for input and engagement as well as positive improvements in the management and direction of BCCPAC.

As we look ahead, COPAC remains committed to building on this year's momentum – continuing to create learning opportunities for families, support PACs across the district, and advocate for meaningful, authentic parent engagement at every level of the public education system.

We thank the Board of Education, district leadership, and school communities for their continued collaboration and partnership. Together, we are working to build a stronger, more connected public education system for all learners.

On a personal note, it has been an absolute honour to represent your voices over the last five years in my roles as Vice President and President of COPAC. I have so appreciated the opportunity to work alongside so many incredible parent leaders, and I look forward to staying connected in the years ahead. I am confident the organization is in wonderful hands, and I will always be cheering it on.

Sincerely,

Nicola Baker

President, Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)

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Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)

Annual Report 2025–2026

The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) is pleased to present our 2025–2026 Annual Report. This has been a year of meaningful connection, learning, and action. Guided by our commitment to strengthening public education and supporting authentic family engagement across SD23, COPAC worked to elevate the parent voice, build community, and create shared learning opportunities for families, PAC leaders, and district partners alike.

Parent Education and Learning

A highlight of this year was the breadth and quality of learning opportunities COPAC brought to families across the district.

Hannah Beach – Understanding Adolescents and Healthy Use of Cellphones

- Hosted Hannah Beach for a virtual fall session on Understanding Adolescents, which was well attended by families across the district.
- COPAC will host Hannah Beach again on May 6 for a virtual session: "Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not, and What We Can Do to Support Our Kids."
- We are pleased to know that staff across SD23 are also engaging with Hannah Beach's materials, creating opportunities for shared language and learning between home and school.

Samantha Woods (Kaizen Education) – Executive Functioning Skills

- Hosted Samantha Woods from Kaizen Education for a virtual session: "From Chaos to Clarity: Helping Kids Strengthen Executive Functioning Skills."
- Samantha Woods also served as the keynote speaker at the teachers' fall professional development day. Having her speak to parents created a valuable opportunity for shared learning and a common language between parents and educators – something we believe makes a real difference for kids.

Paul Davis – Digital Safety, Smartphones and Online Wellbeing

- Hosted Paul Davis for two in-person parent evenings covering digital safety, smartphones, social media, online privacy, and cyber bullying.
- Paul Davis also spoke directly with middle school students at most SD23 middle schools on these same topics, creating powerful parallel learning for families – parents and kids could talk about the same content at home. These sessions were a joint initiative, co-supported by schools, school PACs, and COPAC.

First In-Person COPAC Parent Conference Since Pre-COVID

One of the most exciting milestones this year was the return of our in-person, all-day COPAC Parent Conference – the first since before the pandemic. The event was warmly received by all who attended and created an energy that is simply not replicable in a virtual format.

- The day featured a mix of learning sessions for all parents alongside programming specifically tailored for current and future PAC leaders.
- Presenters and contributors included district staff, community partners, and PAC leaders, offering diverse perspectives and practical takeaways.
- The day concluded with a rich roundtable discussion that allowed PACs to share experiences, suggestions, and learnings with one another – a deeply valued opportunity to connect.
- We were honoured to have local Syilx Elders join us, and grateful for the presence of district staff and community partners throughout the day.
- Our School Board Trustees joined participants for lunch, enjoying the chance to connect casually with parents from across the district.
- The energy in the room was wonderful. Conversations were flowing, connections were being made, and the enthusiasm of the group reminded us all of why this work matters.

District Engagement and Parent Voice

- COPAC continued to maintain a consistent presence at all school board committee and board meetings, as well as numerous district committees throughout the year, ensuring that the parent voice is always at the table.
- Three COPAC executive members participated on the district task force on school enhancement projects – now renamed Partnership Projects. This has been a significant body of work, carried out alongside senior district leaders, principals and vice principals, and operations staff.

- It has been many years since PACs have been able to meaningfully support outdoor learning and play improvements at their schools. The work of this task force is important and long overdue. As we approach the end of the year, we are seeing significant progress and anticipate that PACs and their school communities will soon be able to begin planning future projects and understanding the process to make them happen.

SD23 Strategic Plan Renewal

This is a year of renewal for SD23 as the Board works to refresh the district's strategic plan. COPAC was pleased to support and participate in this important process.

- COPAC ensured a dedicated input session was open to COPAC leaders, COPAC representatives, and PAC executives, creating space for the parent community to contribute meaningfully to the direction of the district.
- We appreciated all who took the time to participate and enjoyed the opportunity to connect with many PAC executives through this process.
- Input sessions were also held at all five high schools in the district, allowing parents to engage in their own communities and closer to home.

Provincial Engagement and Advocacy

- COPAC continued to remain engaged at the provincial level, particularly through our connections with DPACs across BC. This allows us to stay current on changes and developments in BC public education and ensures SD23 parents benefit from a broader provincial perspective.
- We have seen a marked improvement in the management of BCCPAC this year and are optimistic that it will continue moving in a direction that is more supportive of DPACs, PACs, and parents across the province. We hope they continue to find new and meaningful ways to enable parent engagement in the public education system.

Looking Ahead

COPAC remains committed to fostering a strong, equitable public education system where parents are viewed as vital and valued partners. We will continue to create learning opportunities for families, support PACs across the district, advocate for meaningful parent engagement, and strengthen our connections at both the local and provincial level.

Together, we harness the power of our community to uplift and strengthen public education for all learners.

Nicola Baker, COPAC President 2025/2026
Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC)
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2025/2026 Executive Team
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Leslie Atwell – Vice President
Jeannette Watson – Treasurer
Cadre Simpson – Member at Large
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Deannie Zahara – Member at Large