The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting Minutes
Date: April 13, 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, CMS**), Leslie Atwell (**Regrets**), Jeannette Watson (**OKM**), Deannie Zahara (**KSS**),Cadre Simpson (**KLO**)

In Attendance: Kevin G. (**SVE**), Charlotte B. (**QGE**), Madisyn P. (**PSE**), Monica B. (**DWE**), Timothy L. (**PGE**), Shannon T. (**CTE**), Shan G. (**HRE**), Kristina G. (**AME**), Jenny L. (**BME**), Ally C. (**DRE**), Ingeborg K.(**CAS**), Tristan G. (**HMS**), Nikki (**ELE**), Rae C. (**BCE**), Meenoo T. (**ASM**), Dianna M (**RMS**), Brytann Y. (**GRE**)

Partners Present:
Superintendent of Schools – Jon Rever
Board of Education: Trustee – Chantelle Desrosiers
COTA (Central Okanagan Teachers Association) – Susan Bauhart
CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees) – Teri Wishlow
DSC (District Student Council) – Mattea S.

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	X	BHE		BGE		BCE	X	BME	X	CAS	X	CTE	X	CLE	X	DRE	X
DWE	X	ELE	X	GME		GRE	X	HGE		HRE	X	MJE		NGE		OTS		PLE	
PSE		PGE	X	QGE	X	RAY		RVE		RLE		SLE		SKE		SRE		SVE	X
WAT		WRE																	
CMS	X	CNB		DRK		GMS		HMS	X	KLO	X	RMS	X	SMS					
GESS		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 April 13, 2026 COPAC Agenda as presented.*
- Approval of Minutes
  - *Motion: To accept the March 2, 2025 Minutes as circulated.*
- *Moved by Shannon T. Seconded by Cadre S., Motions carried by unanimous consent.*

5.0 SD23 Partner Reports

- Trustee Update – Chantelle Desrosiers
    - Thanks to Education and Student Services committee members for working with the board on the strategic plan feedback at last week's meeting
    - Wednesday April 15 is finance and planning committee meeting– lots to discuss, particularly around next year's budget. Anticipating a tight budget next year. Hope people will show up to listen
    - Policy manual work – policy committee has made a recommendation on changes to the policy manual – will come forward to the next Board meeting on April 22.
    - BCSTA AGM highlights: motion by Vancouver School Board about amending the school act to add parameters to work done by DPACs in the province, failed to pass. Notable that that there were a surprising number of resolutions on child care, showing that Boards still don't fully understand where child care fits in K-12 Education as a result of the shift from Ministry of Education to the Ministry of Education and Child Care several years ago.
- Superintendent update – Jon Rever
    - Finance meeting on Wednesday, lots to discuss at finance. Lots of agenda items, have a look at the committee package (also covered on Castanet). Jon met with all the partner groups prior to the budget presentation to present the proposal. There is a significant drop in enrollment (-375 FTE students projected), $4.2M budget pressure. Aimed to strike a balance between efficiencies and reductions and continuing to invest in Board priorities. Encourages parents to have a look at the meeting package. (https://pub-sd23.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=9821)
    - There will be an information memo coming out at the Finance & Planning Committee meeting regarding the opening of École George Pringle. Information sessions will be held May 5 at CNB, May 7 at GMS. There has been population shift on the west side since the Board passed the catchment boundary motions in 2022 for École George Pringle. After those two meetings parents should have a good understanding of where their children will be attending school come September 2027.
    - PAC & Parents should be aware that the district is expecting a significant number of retirements this year on the administration side and there will be a shuffle of staffing. Cascade impact on the system so several school communities will be impacted.

    -CTE COPAC Rep requested an infographic to help parents understand the catchments in West Kelowna

NOTE: after the COPAC meeting, we became aware that the information package included in the Finance & Planning Committee Agenda regarding École George Pringle is named Information Item: Catchment Boundary Changes – Opening of École George Pringle Secondary School. We strongly encouraged PACs and families in West Kelowna to review this document and consider attending the April 22 Board Meeting and the May 5 or May 7 information sessions. https://pub-sd23.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=9829

- Partners Update (COTA, CUPE, DSC)
    - DSC – Mattea requested some clarification on how Principal changes are expected to impact students
    - CUPE – Will be running an ad on City busses for 8 weeks about CUPE 3523 – highlighting CUPE staff. Would like to eventually present to COPAC about before and after care in district schools.
    - COTA – Appreciation for Jon Rever regarding transparency around principals, budget etc. Relationships are improving regularly.
- Brief notes from District Committee Representatives (HPS, Safe Schools, Early Years Partnership, HRC/Anti-racism subcommittee) – none this month.

6.0 PAC 360

- COPAC President shared that CTE was highlighted at the last Education & Student Services Meeting where students are learning **nsyilxcən** language and packages are sent home to allow students to help their parents learn as well.

7.0 COPAC Business

- Treasurer's Report – Jeannette
  - **Motion: To accept the March 2026 Treasurer's Report as presented.**
  - *Motioned by, seconded by. Motion carried.*
  - Gaming Grant applications open on April 1with a June 30 deadline. Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC) Grants - Province of British Columbia

- 2026 AGM will be May 4, 2026. Elections will be held and COPAC is seeking many new executive members. Please encourage candidates to apply or reach out to COPAC exec for information.

  Nominations form: https://forms.gle/rrJcNpxUZBEBw79M7

  Nominees must be one of the following to qualify:
  A current or former COPAC Representative on a school PAC or a current PAC Executive on a school PAC or a current COPAC Executive Member and must be the parent or guardian of a student enrolled in SD23 for the duration of the term of office. Nominees must not be employees of SD23.

- **Events:**
  - Hannah Beach is booked for May 6, 2026 for another virtual parent education event. Hannah will speak on: Cellphones: What's Healthy, What's Not and What we can do to support our kids. A Save The Date flyer will be distributed with meeting highlights. COPAC will circulate the registration link to SD23 families via School Messenger as we get closer to the event date. We have space for up to 500 participants.

- Permanent Daylight Saving Time – there will be months next school year that will be dark until 9am locally. We encourage you to discuss safety with your PAC and Principal. We have put a resolution forward to BCCPAC for MECC to consider safety measures.
- Enhancement Task Force Updates – work is progressing well, and we anticipate the new website and process to be shared by the end of the year. Many projects that were on the "enhancements" list have been moved into the work order list as they more accurately fell into that type of project. Enhancement Projects will be renamed, likely Partnership Projects.

- 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.

- PAC/Principal Guidebook – we will work with a few PACs who can take the draft and discuss it with their Principals

- BCCPAC Parent Conference & AGM – April 24-26 Vancouver
  - BCCPAC Resolutions town hall on April 16, All candidates event Sunday April 19.
  - COPAC has submitted three resolutions to BCCPAC AGM for consideration (we may submit a few more before or during the event). Reach out if you have any questions.
    1) School Safety Impacts of Permanent Daylight-Saving Time
    2) Equitable Provincial Funding and Standards for Classroom Technology as Core Educational Infrastructure
    3) Review of K–9 Provincial Proficiency Scale Reporting

8.0 In Camera Session

- 1 item

9.0 Wrap-Up & Adjournment

- None

10.0 Meeting Adjourned at 9:25pm.

Future Meeting

COPAC Annual General Meeting- Monday May 4, 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/