The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

General Meeting
Date: December 1, 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**), Leslie Atwell (**DRK**), Jeannette Watson (**OKM**), Nathan Hind (**BCE**), Cadre Simpson (**KLO**) - regrets, Deannie Zahara (**KSS**) - regrets

In Attendance: Madisyn P. (**PSE**), Roslyn H. (**GESS**), Shan G. (**HRE**), Tom B. (**RVE**), Amanda L. (**SRE**), Lisa S. (**RLE**), Shannon T. (**CTE**), Charlotte B. (**QGE**), Meenoo T. (**ASM)**, Maria B. (**NGE**), Brittany C. (**BGE**), Ingeborg K. (**CAS**), Kristina G. (**AME**), Monica B. (**DWE**), Kyle H. (**RAY**), Rae C. (**BCE**), Jenny L. (**BME**), Ally C. (**DRE**), Selna H. (**HGE**)

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

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	X
DWE	X	ELE		GME		GRE		HGE	X	HRE	X	MJE		NGE	X	OTS		PLE	
PSE	X	PGE		QGE	X	RAY	X	RVE	X	RLE	X	SLE		SKE		SRE	X	SVE	
WAT		WRE																	
CMS	X	CNB		DRK	X	GMS		HMS		KLO		RMS		SMS					
GESS	X	KSS		MBSS		OKM	X	RSS											

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

- Approval of Agenda
  - ***Motion: To accept the December 1, 2025 COPAC Agenda as presented.***
- Approval of November 2025 Minutes
  - ***Motion: To accept the November 3, 2025 Minutes as circulated.***
- Both motions moved by Shannon T., seconded by Roslyn H. Motions carried.

4.0 Guest Speaker: none

5.0 SD23 Partner Reports

- Trustee Update – Lisa Guderyan
    - At the recent Policy Committee meeting, a motion was passed to approve phase 1 of the board doing policy review and mapping and looking at different governance frameworks. The work done by the board on this will be presented at the January 14th Policy Committee meeting.
    - Finance and Planning meeting reviewed an annual budget development timeline and principles.
    - At the November 12th Board meeting, they assigned trustee representatives to the different committees.
    - Strategic Plan Review is coming up.
    - The trustees were just at the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Academy in Vancouver. Trustee Academy – British Columbia School Trustees Association

- **Note:** The February COPAC meeting where the Secretary Treasurer presents the budget will start at 6:30 instead of 7:00, to ensure the meeting doesn't go too late.

- Superintendent update – Jon Rever
    - Strategic Plan Refresh Public Engagement Strategy – there will be five public engagements held in January and February for public consultation. RSS on Jan 22, GESS on Jan 26, MBSS on Feb 5, KSS on Feb 10, and OKM on Feb 17.
    - There will be a separate COPAC session on January 15 for PAC presidents and COPAC reps. People in the broader PAC executive and school community are invited to attend one of the other general sessions. You are encouraged to attend the session for your family of schools, but all are welcome at any engagement session.
    - There will be a sign up process, and a package will be sent out to the registrants ahead of time.
    - For more information about the current district strategic plan, refer to: District Strategic Plan - 2021-2026.pdf
    - Through this process, the SD is looking to create a useful, tangible document that will take us forward for at least the next five years.
    - Question from COTA President about whether there would be a separate session for COTA executives/staff reps. Jon will discuss further with COTA.

- Partner Update, COTA – Susan Bauhart
    - Red for Ed: Wear red campaign every Wednesday to bring awareness to the underfunding of the school system. COTA is asking COPAC members and parents to join teachers in wearing red on Wednesdays.

6.0 PAC 360

- Roundtable Check-in – PAC reps share highlights or a concern
    - Question about fire code in West Kelowna and potential impacts on holiday concerts due to gym capacities. Jon Rever said they are working with the West Kelowna Fire Department about assembling in compliance with the fire code and, while they are still figuring things out, there will not be an impact on holiday concerts/gatherings this year. Jon will be meeting with the West Side Fire Chief to get a clear interpretation of the requirements and then will make the proper adjustments to ensure schools are in compliance with the code.

7.0 COPAC Business

- Treasurer's Report – Jeannette
  - ***Motion: To accept the November 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented.***
  - Moved by Shannon T., seconded by Roslyn H. Carried.

- District Committee Reports:
  - HPS: There is a new chair for the committee – Sherri Roche. The funding for the committing has been cut so there is less staff support, resulting in the focus being narrowed to focus specifically on food literacy and physical literacy. There will only be three meetings this year instead of five. We will look at having a nutritionist from Interior Health work with COPAC to host an info session for Hot Lunch Coordinators.
  - Safe Schools: Will be looking at working with community partners in the spring to provide information about e-scooters.
  - Enhancement Agreement Task Force: Positive progress is being made. The Task Force has completed work on a draft definition of an enhancement agreement. The draft definition was discussed. COPAC representation on the Task Force will continue to keep members updated with progress.

- Executive Vacancy – COPAC Secretary. We still need a new COPAC secretary! Also, please start thinking about running for a COPAC role at the AGM as we will have several vacancies this year.

- COPAC Active Transportation & Safe Routes to School sub-committee. Update from the committee.
  - Committee has met a couple of times. They have talked to a couple of city councillors to ask them to fund programs that impact students' ability to safely get to and from school.
  - Please ask parents to provide input/feedback via COPAC Safe Streets & Active Transportation - Parent Priorities Survey: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/9ZyCe1N6Un
  - It would be very helpful to get as many parent responses as possible to help determine priorities.

- Events:
  - Bylaws (winter 2026 virtual or at Feb Conference?)
  - PAC 101
  - Hannah Beach (second session May 6, 2026)
  - Samantha Woods – fall 2026
  - ****Paul Davis (January 19th KLO, January 20th CNB – 6:30-7:40 plus Q&A)**
  - ****COPAC Parent Conference (February 28, 2026 – 9am-3pm)**

- 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.**
  - Looking for feedback about the highlights of what is covered at certain times of year. This document will be a resource that will be shared across the district and will help all PACs and principals work together in a consistent way across all schools.

- Announcement: Okanagan Shuswap Regional Science Fair with support from WWEST– 2026 Regional Science Fair Dates March 10 & 11, 2026. This science fair will cover students living in the Okanagan Shuswap area, all the way from Revelstoke to Osoyoos, and will allow winners to participate in the national science fair. This is a great opportunity for students to engage in STEM learning. More details and information on how to register, will be provided in the near future. Registration will open in January 2026. Please feel free to reach out to the Science Fair

Committee at osstemfair@gmail.com, with further questions.

- COPAC Winter Conference Event 2026 sessions
  - Suggestion to cover gaming information, for all PAC exec not just for PAC Treasurers.
  - Suggestion to add info for president/vice-president. How to operate in a professional way, running effective meetings, etc.
  - If there are other things PACs would like to see covered at the event, please let COPAC know asap.

- Bussing fee increases occurred over the last year for both School District and city transit. Please discuss this issue with your PACs and if your PAC has thoughts about this, please let COPAC know in January. This will help us be prepared when the transportation budget is discussed in the spring.

- BCCPAC – updates and summary on Summit.
  - Nicola had a positive conversation with the new Executive Director at BCCPAC. He's reached out to many DPACs throughout the province.
  - There were some interesting sessions at the recent virtual Summit.
  - Summit materials will be shared here (https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/resources/16-dpac-pac) and you can also find details and materials from previous events and BC Gaming learning sessions at this link.

8.0 Other items

- Space for urgent items not otherwise covered.

9.0 Wrap-Up & Adjournment

- Next meeting date – January 5, 2026
- Adjournment of general session

10.0 In-Camera Session (DPAC Representatives Only if necessary)

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday January 5, 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/

Central Okanagan
Parent Advisory Council
Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of **NOV 30/2025**

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	$	2,807.42
Deposits ( )		
Cheques written ()		200.00
Interest		
Service Charges		6.95
Balance	**$**	**2,600.47**

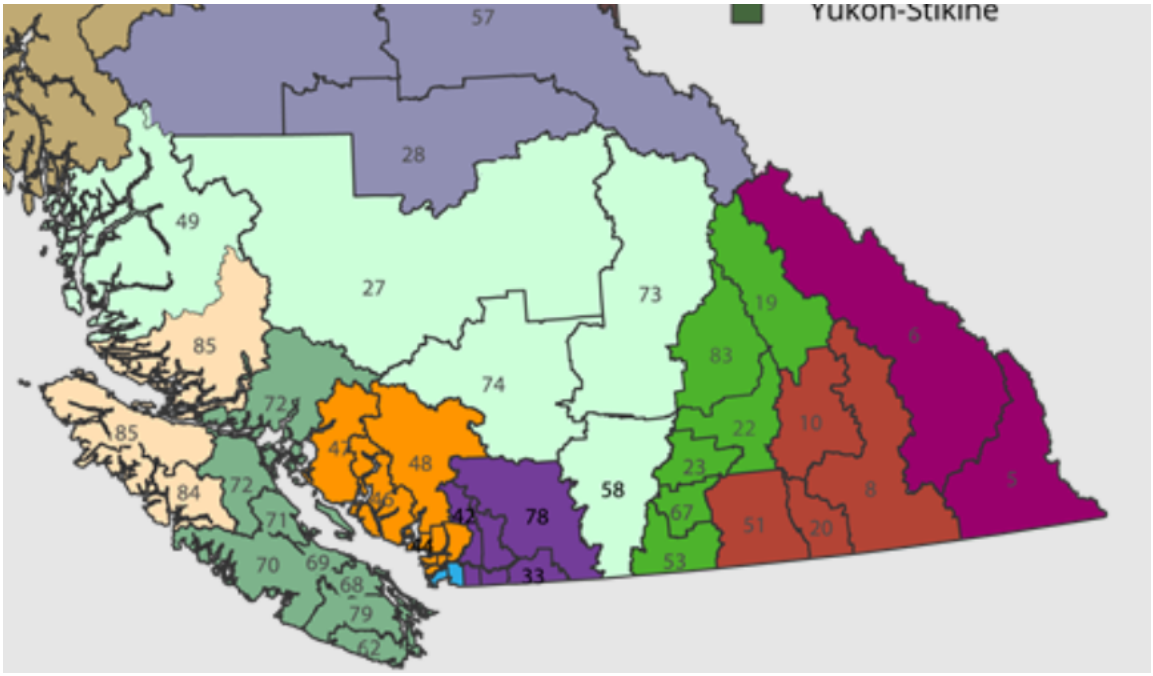
Member Shares: **$ 5.12**

Cheques from Gaming Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
BCCPAC Fees	$ 200.00	e-transfer
TOTAL	$ 200.00	

Dear Students, Educators, Parents, and STEM Community Members,

With the support of community partners and volunteers, we are pleased to announce the upcoming Okanagan Shuswap Regional STEM Fair! The Regional STEM Fair, will be open to students in grades 3-12, attending public school (Districts 19, 22, 23, 53, 67, and 83), FNSA affiliated schools, Independent schools, and home-schools, living within the region's communities that correspond to the above school districts—bright green on map below. The event will be hosted at UBC Okanagan in Kelowna, BC, on March 10-11, 2026. Winning projects will qualify those students to represent the Region, at the annual Canada Wide Science Fair.



More details and information on how to register, will be provided in the near future. Registration will open in January 2026. We are excited for students to demonstrate inquiry, exploration of the scientific process, and sharing of results, in an inclusive and supportive environment. Please feel free to reach out to me, or the Science Fair Committee at osstemfair@gmail.com, with further questions.