The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

Agenda: General Meeting
Date: October 6th, 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**), Cadre Simpson (**KLO**), Nathan Hind (**BCE**), Deannie Zahara (**KSS**)

In Attendance: Charlotte B. (**QGE**), Tristian G. (**HMS**), Roslyn H. (**GESS**), Amanda L. (**SRE**), Shan G. (**HRE**), Ayron S. (**WAT**), Kyle H. (**RAY**), Diana M. (**RMS**), Shannon T.(**CTE**), Timothy (**PGE**), Maria B.(**NGE**), Madisyn P. (**PSE**), Kristina G.(**AME**), Jenny L. (**BME**), Ally C.(**DRE**), Lisa S. (**RLE**), Ingeborg K (**CAS**), Tom B. (**RVE**), Kayle (**WRE**), Selena H. (**HGE**), Courtney M.(**CTE PAC**) Camilla B. (**KSS PAC**), Hoa B. (**CTE PAC**), Kim D. (**NGE PAC**)

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

1.0 Welcome & Acknowledgement (5 min)

- Call to Order – Nicola Baker
- Territorial Acknowledgement
- Quick Introductions

2.0 Establish Quorum

Quorum = 10 Voting Members: **Established with 26 school PACs.**

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

3.0 Consent Agenda (5 min) *(Items are approved together unless pulled for discussion.)*

- Approval of Agenda
  - ***Motion: To accept the October 6, 2025, COPAC Agenda as presented.***
- Approval of June 2025 Minutes
  - ***Motion: To accept the September 8, 2025, Minutes as circulated.***
  - Minor edit to correct agenda to "Approval of September 2025 Minutes".
  - Both motions moved by Jeannette W., seconded by Roslyn H. Motions carried.

4.0 Guest Speaker:

BGC Okanagan – Restorative Justice (Christina Harper and Jenn Paquette)
Christina and Jenn gave a summary of the RJ program through BGC-O. Youth and families can access the program directly or via referral. restorativejustice@bgco.ca

5.0 SD23 Partner Reports

Trustee Update - Julia Fraser:

- It was World Teacher's Day yesterday (Oct. 5)
- The Board received superintendent's Startup Report. The board directed the superintendent to work with the board to update and revise the Board's strategic plan and governance framework. The superintendent will respond by the end of October with a timeline.
- Received and approved annual enhancing student learning report.
- Approved fiscal reports and operating surplus for the year.

Superintendent Update - Jon Rever:

- Jon presented Part 2 of the Startup Report.
    - 2025 Summer Work Highlights
    - Theme 2025/26 – Learner Agency to enhance student learner agency.
    - New format for District Newsletter, which will be coming out monthly on the last Friday of every month.
    - Enrolment trends. Our school district enrolment has contracted this year (-0.8%) for the first time since 2015. District operating budgets have been reduced by $9M since Fall of 2024. The 2025/2026 operating budget will be adjusted in response to the decline in enrolment. View the full report: https://www.sd23.bc.ca/documents/34b39361-805f-490a-875a-91e475b4a832/Superintendent-s-District-Start-Up-Report-2025-2026-Part-2.pdf

COTA - Susan Bauhart

- Susan gave a quick update.

6.0 PAC 360

- PAC Story Spotlight – Cadre shared about a great engagement at KSS, of indigenous students showing learner agency by helping teachers incorporate indigenous education in their classrooms.

- Shannon T. had a question about new fire marshal rules and regulations. Her school in West Kelowna is struggling with the changes, as it's made the school's new modular addition feel institutionalized. No bulletin boards or posters on walls, no cushions, etc. The new building is stunning but not being able to put anything up on the walls is upsetting for the students and the PAC. Jon Rever responded to say they are actively in conversation with the inspectors to see what can be done, as it's important to have a warm, welcoming learning environment while also keeping our schools safe.

7.0 COPAC Business (30 min)

- Treasurer's Report – Jeannette Watson
    - ***Motion: To accept the September 2025 Treasurer's Report as presented.***
    - Moved by Leslie Atwell, seconded by Roslyn Hazen. Motion carried.

- Executive Vacancy – COPAC Secretary (email interest to Nicola Baker). Please let Nicola know if you are interested in volunteering as COPAC Secretary. It's a great introductory position with COPAC. It would be great to fill this position by the end of October.

- Reminder PAC Communications – contacts, SD23 PAC/COPAC Rep emails https://forms.office.com/r/46by7ByMdp

- COPAC Active Transportation & Safe Routes to School sub-committee – Nathan Hind updates/ Signup Form for Committee (requesting representation from each family of schools). If interested, please sign up. A signup form is coming, but you can also email Nathan directly. It won't be a large time commitment – hoping to meet once a month for an hour. Sign up here: https://forms.office.com/r/YiJ9eYjeup

- Upcoming COPAC Events:
    - Bylaws discussion session will be held on Zoom in the new year, as there has been interest from PACs on running it again this year.
    - Active Transportation & Safe Routes to School (see above)
    - Paul Davis, January dates – For middle school age group. Canyon Falls is hoping other middle school PACs would be interested in chipping in for the presentation. There will be two parent sessions, open to all parents.)
    - PAC 101 (Tentative November 25)
    - **Hannah Beach – October 16th, 7pm via Zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/rNA_TuimTLGd7NEQuOpOJg**
    - **Treasurer 101 Wednesday October 8 REGISTRATION** https://sd23.zoom.us/meeting/register/X20GuocaS_W2uTxoO5O1aA

- *Discussion: Requests for additional parent education events/themes* – Survey input ongoing.
    - *Broad SD23 Parents request for input*: https://forms.gle/ND3nBDnSowYeF4bTA
    - Full day event in winter 2026 input request from PAC Executives. https://forms.gle/tHxWx8yyE68KHDA58

- City of Kelowna Youth Engagement opportunity: Kelowna Youth Safety Committee for youth ages 13-17, will run from Oct through June. Apply by October 15. "This committee is the first of its kind and was developed to ensure youth voices are heard as part of shaping safer communities for all. Committee members will work alongside the Kelowna RCMP, Fire Services, Bylaw, and Emergency Health Services (EHS) to discuss youth safety issues across the City. The KYSC empowers youth to help shape how safety is defined, supported, and delivered in our community."

- **BCCPAC -** Nicola and the Cadre will prepare a pros and cons list with input from PACs. SD23 PACs remain hesitant to pay for BCCPAC membership for 2025/26 due to ongoing concerns about limited value for PACs, continued organizational issues, and a lack of meaningful opportunities (outside of the AGM resolution process) for PACs and parents across the province to engage in or influence what is largely *perceived as nominal* advocacy work by BCCPAC..
- SD23 Board & District Committees – District committees are in some flux at the moment. COPAC executive will keep the membership updated, attend meetings where possible and update any vacancies in committee representation as we see them arise

8.0 Other items (5–10 min if needed)

- Composting at schools. If any PACs are interested in engaging in a conversation about composting in schools, contact Nicola.

- The school district provides school district email accounts for PAC Presidents and COPAC Representatives. They give access to the Microsoft environment, which will be useful as the school district transitions away from Zoom towards Teams. Nicola asked if COPAC Reps are using or interested in using the email accounts. Most COPAC Reps are not using the accounts or were even aware these accounts existed.

  We also discussed the need for some technical training for PAC Presidents to use the technology available via their district account.

9.0 Wrap-Up & Adjournment (5 min)

11.0 Adjournment – motioned by Nicola B at 8:51pm.

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday, November 3, 2025, 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 **SEP 30/2025**

General Account:
Beem Financial

Balance Forward	$	5,559.26
Deposits ()		350.00
Cheques written ()		
Interest		
Service Charges		6.95
Balance	**$**	**5,902.31**

Deposits to general acct

Description	Amount
BCCPAC Travel Subsidy	350
Total	350.00

Cheques from general Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
Total	0	

Gaming Account:
Beem Financial

Balance Forward	$	872.57
Deposits ( )		2,500.00
Cheques written ()		-
Interest		
Service Charges		6.95
Balance	**$**	**3,365.62**

Cheques from Gaming Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
TOTAL	0	

Member Shares: **$ 5.12**