



The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

Minutes: General Meeting

Date: November 7th, 2022 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

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COPAC Executive:

Simon Adams - President

Nicola Baker - Vice-President

Roslyn Hazen - Treasurer

Vacant - Secretary

Penny Liao-Lussier - Member At Large

Deannie Zahara, Member At Large

Shannon Gallivan, Member At Large

Partner Groups

District Staff: Terry Beaudry, Deputy Superintendent

COTA: Susan Bauhart

CUPE: Shelly Yost

1.0 Call to Order

Greetings/Introductions- Simon Adams

2.0 Guest Speaker

Jordan Kleckner, SD23 Director of Instruction: Learning & Innovation:

This school year (22-23), a development team from across the province is supporting the Ministry of Education & Child Care in co-constructing supporting documents and resources for teachers, parents, and caregivers, to support [BC's new Student Reporting Framework](#), set to be implemented in the 2023/24 school year. Jordan provided a detailed update on the draft Ministry Student Reporting Order and the timeline for its implementation, as well as provide an opportunity to gather feedback and input from all those in attendance.

3.0 Establish Quorum

Quorum = 10 Voting Members

4.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval

- **Motion: To accept the November 7th, 2022 COPAC Agenda as presented. Motion passed.**

5.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval

- **Motion: To accept the October 3rd, 2022 minutes as circulated. Motion passed.**

6.0 SD23 Reports

Deputy Superintendent Update:

- Swearing in Ceremony for new Trustees on Wednesday, November 9, 2022
- Indigenous Veterans Day – increase in uptake within district to honor Indigenous Veterans as veterans lost their Indigenous “Status” when they enlisted in the past

- **Student & Family Affordability Fund** – SD 23 have actively supported initiative through the following examples:
 1. Number of parents have asked to have various school fees waived through direct application process & hundreds of thousands of dollars have been waived already
 2. Funding set aside to purchase gift cards to support families during Christmas months.
 3. Expanded brown bag lunches program and weekend backpack program for families experiencing food insecurity
 4. Additional supports provided for Indigenous & newcomer families
 5. Waived cultural fees and school supplies fees for select schools based on need
- Delta Carmichael – SD 23 Secretary Treasurer currently working through process to explore funding for all hot lunch programs with Student & Family Affordability Fund to lessen burden of costs for district PACs

COTA:

BCTF has arrived at a tentative agreement; ratification vote on November 28th, 29th and 30th for teachers

7.0 PAC 360

- A *quick* opportunity for PACs to briefly discuss topics they may need assistance with from COPAC or SD23 or topics that might be relevant to other PACs – Simon Adams
- Affordability Fund Feedback

8.0 COPAC 360

- Simon Adams reported 60% increase in votes for this year's Trustee voting versus previous year – over 200 people in attendance during All Candidates Forum -over 1000 views of YouTube video for All Candidates Forum. COPAC extends thanks to District Student Council for co-hosting the event and to all 2022 Trustee Candidates who participated.
- **Motion: To approve the COPAC financial statements as presented. Motion passed.**
- Shannon Gallivan and Deannie Zahara shared the following COPAC Education Plan for the 22/23 year:
 - Creation of a PAC Directory of Learning Opportunities – A COPAC curated series of opportunities that PACs can access and share with their parent communities based on their needs (i.e. Partners in Inclusive Education)
 - Learning opportunities shared via COPAC Newsletter and Socials
 - COPAC Workshop and Engagement Series – (i.e. hot lunches, bylaws, PAC listening tours, *Learning What Our Kids Are Learning* workshop)
 - 1-2 Signature Events – TBD
- Nicola Baker shared from the Education & Student Services Committee that some Board authorized courses will be put forward to the Ministry of Education & Child Care for approval as it relates to the new Ministry of Education Indigenous Course Credit requirements. If Ministry approved, there is a possibility that retroactive course credits may be granted for recognized courses taken in the 21/22 school year. COPAC will provide an update as soon as it is available.
- Nicola Baker shared that Elementary PACs might consider summer literacy programs and reach out to their admin teams in early 2023 to discuss options in their family of schools.

10.0 Other Business

11.0 Adjournment

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday, December 5th, 2022 7:00pm via zoom.

District and Committee Meetings- Information is available on www.sd23.bc.ca

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