



The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6th, 2024, 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**), Simon Adams (**CMS**), Roslyn Hazen (**HMS**), Deannie Zahara (**KLO**), Leslie Atwell,
Nathan Hind(**BCE** alternate), Jeanette Watson (**OKM** alternate)

In Attendance: Danielle Ferguson-**BHE**, Brittany Ryder-**ELE**, Kellie Garcia-Bunting-**GME**, Kristy Lamont-**GRE**,
Jill Glassford-**HGE**, Robin Kinney-**MJE**, Caitlin Harper-**PGE**, Amanda Davies-**QGE**, Amanda Kraft-**SRE**, **RMS & RSS**, Sabrina
Chapman-**WAT**, Amanda Davies-**SMS**, Tanya Leshuk-**GESS**, Camilla Biffard-**KSS**

PARTNERS PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools- regrets

Deputy Superintendent- regrets

Board of Education: Trustee Val Johnson

COTA (Central Okanagan Teachers Association)- no reps present.

CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees)- no reps present.

DSC (District Student Council)- no reps present.

1.0 Call to Order -Greetings and Introductions Nicola Baker, COPAC President

2.0 Guest Speaker –none due to AGM

3.0 Establish Quorum (10 Voting Members) Established with 21 school PACs.

AME		ASM		BHE	X	BGE		BCE	X	BME		CAS		CTE		CLE	X	DRE	
DWE		ELE	X	GME	X	GRE	X	HGE	X	HRE		MJE	X	NGE		OTS		PLE	
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CMS	X	CNB		DRK		GMS		HMS	X	KLO	X	RMS	X	SMS	X				
GESS	X	KSS	X	MBSS		OKM	X	RSS	X										

4.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval

Motion: To accept the May 6th, 2024, COPAC Annual General Meeting Agenda as presented.

Motioned by Jeannette W., seconded by Kelly G.

All in favour: **Motion caried**

5.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval

Motion: To accept the April 8th, 2024, minutes as circulated.

Motioned by Roslyn H., seconded by Camilla B.

All in favour: **Motion caried**

6.0 SD23 PARTNER GROUP REPORTS

Trustee Update – Trustee Val Johnson (*see attached highlights*)

No further Questions or Comments for Partner Groups

Brief notes from District Committee Representatives (PEAC, Human Rights, HPS, Safe Schools, Early Years Partnership).

Reminder that, Past meeting minutes are posted to school district website; links to all the committees are on the [COPAC website](#)

Human Rights Committee-April

*Feeding Futures Presentation by Rhonda Ovelson and Alicia Kudryk (*see attached meeting Highlights*)

PAC Education Opportunity that aligns with the professional development that SD23 staff are receiving-particularly beneficial for PAC Hot Lunch coordinator/volunteers- [Webinar Recording BC Chapter of the Coalition for Healthy School Food](#) hosted this "Reducing Stigma in School Food Programs" webinar on April 18, 2024, to offer insights and strategies for addressing stigma in BC school food programs.

* District Accessibility Plan – committee reviewed the results of the survey that was distributed to parents, staff and students in February 2024. The 2023-2026 Accessibility Plan can be viewed on the school district website, if you did not get a chance to provide feedback, the anonymous online form will remain on SD23 website (there are also multiple methods to provide the feedback).

7.0 PAC 360 – Nicola Baker *(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)*

- Sabrina C. (Watson Rd.) shared that their Vice-Principal would love to attend a COPAC meeting to share the work that they have been doing within their school community on Anti-Racism action work.
- Check out the November 2023 issue of [BCPVPA magazine](#) featuring Watson Rd Elementary's Anti-Racism journey (starting at page 46)

8.0 COPAC 360

• Treasurer Report - Roslyn Hazen (see attached Treasurer Report)

- Roslyn shared the bank statements showing that bank accounts for April aligned with her report.
- Motion: To accept the April 2024 Treasurers report as presented
 - Motioned by Leslie A., seconded by Camilla B.
 - **All in favour: Motion carried.**

****Reminder to submit your PAC 2024 BC Gaming Application IMMEDIATELY, DUE by June 30**

If anyone has any financial or treasury related questions, please reach out to Roslyn and she can help guide you copac.treasurer@sd23.bc.ca

• EVENTS & ENGAGEMENT: Jeannette W.

- **COPAC Social** – May 10th same location as last year, Okanagan Mission Activity Centre (*Sarsons Beach*) 6:30-8:30pm signup form circulated.
 - Opportunity to connect in person, celebrate and share ideas for COPAC Reps/PAC Presidents.

• Cell Phones in Schools (Nicola B.) –

- We will engage with District Principal of Learning Technology
 - Convene a sub-committee of COPAC to gain Parent Voice*encourage PACs to review your school code of conduct during a PAC meeting. As we await MECC guidance to School Districts, PACs can share reviews of School Codes of Conduct with our COPAC Community.*

• Partners for Inclusive Education (PIE) Meeting – Monday, May 13th via Zoom 6:00-7:00pm

- Agenda: Presentations on Central Okanagan Public Schools Accessibility Plan
- Inclusive Education – Update (Competency Based Individual Education Plans)

• BCCPAC AGM Report- 7:30pm

- Three members of our COPAC Executive had a very productive BCCPAC AGM this weekend in Richmond. We were charged with the responsibility to hold 40 proxy votes from SD23 and an additional 5 from other districts. (Our District brought the most proxy votes)
- We were proud to propose 3 resolutions from SD23 DPAC/PACs on awareness of e-scooter/e-bike laws, increased funding for school bussing and funding towards sun safety enhancements for our students.
- In collaboration with our DPAC colleagues in SD36 (Surrey) and SD40 (New West), we submitted 5 joint resolutions- including two requesting funding for: Deferred Maintenance of school buildings and Annual Facilities Grant Funding (plus making the AFG formula public).

- We are thrilled to share that all our resolutions were carried by the BCCPAC Membership (with a few amendments). Many of our joint resolutions were framed to encourage BCCPAC to pursue more transparency and increased engagement with DPACs and PACs.
- BCCPAC Board had submitted a resolution to allow for electronic AGMs in the future and we spoke passionately in support of this resolution (which also passed by a very strong majority). Our hope is that by next year's AGM, you will be able to view the proceedings of the event or perhaps participate electronically. This is a big win for SD23 PACs and our neighbours across the province in districts outside the lower mainland.
- We are also so happy to announce that our own 2023/2024 COPAC Vice President Simon Adams was elected to the BCCPAC Board as a Director, along with Kamloops SD73 DPAC's Bonnie McBride who was elected as the new BCCPAC President!
- Note that the membership voted for a fee increase for BCCPAC membership for 24/25 to \$100 per PAC and \$200 per DPAC.
- We look forward to continuing to collaborate with our DPAC colleagues across the province and hope that the voice of Parents is heard more clearly via BCCPAC in 2024/25!

9.0 COPAC AGM

- **Annual Report** – COPAC Executive (Nicola presented joint report, see attached)
 - Motion: To Accept the 2023/2024 Annual Report as Presented
 - Motioned by Simon A., seconded by Tanya L.
 - **All in favour: Motion carried**
- COPAC Budget: **Treasurer's projected year-end report** – Roslyn H.
 - Motion: To Accept the Treasurer's Projected Year-End Report
 - Motioned by Leslie A., seconded by Sabrina C.
 - **All in favour: Motion carried**
- **2024/2025 COPAC Executive Election** – Camila Biffard
 - Notice of Nominations made at 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 2024/2025 school year as follows:
 - **President, Nicola Baker**
 - **Vice President, Jeannette Watson**
 - **Treasurer, Leslie Atwell**
 - **Secretary, Deannie Zahara**
 - **Members at Large- Simon Adams, Nathan Hind** *(one MaL position 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: Nicola Baker is elected President, Jeanette Watson is elected Vice President, Leslie Atwell is elected Treasurer, Deannie Zahara is elected Secretary, Simon Adams and Nathan Hind are elected Members At Large for a 1 year term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 by unanimous consent of the members present.

- Motioned by Kelly G. to accept the newly elected 2024/2025 COPAC Executive and seconded by Roslyn H. **All in favour: Motion carried**

President Baker thanked outgoing COPAC Treasurer Roslyn Hazen for all the support she has provided to COPAC and SD23 PACs. And thank you to Simon Adams for serving and supporting as COPAC Vice President and for putting your name forward to serve as BCCPAC Director and for your commitment to advocate for our school district and others at the provincial level.

Simon Adams thanked Nicola for her incredible leadership this past year as COPAC President.

- **Changes to COPAC Signing Authorities**

- Motion to name signing authority for Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council (COPAC) as follows; **Nicola Baker**-President, **Jeanette Watson**-Vice President, **Leslie Atwell**-Treasurer and **Simon Adams**-Member at Large; and to remove signing authority for Roslyn Hazen (*outgoing Treasurer*), effective July 1, 2024.
 - Motioned by Camila B., seconded by Sabrina C.
 - **All in favour: Motion carried.**

10.0 Other Business – None

11.0 Adjournment – motioned by Simon A. at 8:08pm

Future Meeting

COPAC General Meeting- Monday, June 3rd, 2024, 7:00pm via zoom.

COPAC Website: <http://copac.sd23.bc.ca>

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

Twitter: @COPACSD23

School Board and Board Standing Committee Meeting Information www.sd23.bc.ca

<http://www.sd23.bc.ca/Board/boardmeetinginfo/Pages/default.aspx#/=>

Recording Secretary: Deannie Zahara
COPAC President: Nicola Baker

Board of Education, Trustee Update for April COPAC Meeting – Trustee Val Johnson

- Public Board Meeting on April 10th - Board agreed to write letters in support of the Transit for Teens campaign to extend BC's Get on Board program up to age 18. Currently it's for children aged 12 and younger.
- Joint Board/DSC meeting on April 15th - Fantastic Turnout. Full Boardroom and Student Voice is being heard.
 - We discussed Public Transit, Career Education course, and the Accessibility Act.
- Education & Student Services Committee meeting on April 17th - We received the 2024 Early learning Initiatives report from Assistant Superintendent Jamie Robinson, Director of Instruction – Learning and Innovation, Jordan Kleckner, and District Principal for Early Learning and Child Care, Brenda Kirsch.
 - Great overview on the early years in our district which is Birth – Age 8 (usually grade 3). One of the highlights is the 8 Strong Start Centres with over 1500 registered families.
 - Strong Start centres provide valuable opportunities for early learning and bridge connections between community and school. The Early Childhood Educators who facilitate these programs collaborate with Kindergarten teachers to support smooth transitions into kindergarten.
 - The full report is available on our website through the meeting agendas tab in the Board of Education section...You'll look for the Education and Student Services agenda for April 17th.
- Public Board Meeting on April 24th - The Board voted in favour of an amendment to Policy 135 – School Board Operation. This amendment ensures that the public has an ability to ask a question or comment on any action, information, or advocacy item on the agenda!
- The board also approved the Superintendent of Schools/CEO 2024/2025 Budget Recommendations as presented.
- Planning & Facilities Committee meeting on May 1 - We recently had the 2025/2026 Five year Capital Plan submission presented to the committee. This submission included Major Capital Funding like new schools in the area of Central Kelowna and the Westside. School Additions to various schools including Rutland Middle, Black Mountain, Webber Rd and Oyama Traditional School and site Acquisitions in Downtown Kelowna, and Lake Country! Also included is Minor Capital funding for various School Enhancements, bus replacements, and playground equipments at Ecole Belgo Elementary, South Rutland Elementary, and Helen Gorman Elementary. This report will go forward to the board.
- BC School Trustee Association AGM on April 18th to 21st.
 - Professional Development for Trustees from around the province and an opportunity to come together and advocate. We come together as Trustees, we meet with our Branch and then as a collective of 60 districts, we review and vote on Motions to advocate for the education needs of our province.
 - We reviewed 34 motions including but not limited to: Requesting the Ministry of Education and Child Care fund the actual cost of supports for students identified in all special education categories. Requesting the Ministry of Education and Child Care provide funding for temporary resident registration enrolled after September 30th. Advocating to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide maintenance funding to districts that rely on aging portables to manage enrollment growth. These are just a few of the motions that were carried at the AGM and I'm hopeful that we'll see something come from this in the near future.
 - Some of the professional development that we were able to participate in were: Board Governance, AI and the next generation, Problem Solving at the Board Table, Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and why does this matter at the board table, Leading with Evidence, and governance to enhance student outcomes.
- We also had an MLA Forum with Sonia Furstenu Leader of the Green Party. Minister of Education and Child Care Rachna Singh, and Elenore Sturko, Shadow Minister for Mental Health Addiction, Recovery, and Education with the BC United Party. During the forum, the MLA's/Ministers were asked a variety of questions based on the educational needs in our province. Knowing that there is an election coming up this fall, this was a great opportunity to hear from the leaders in our province.

Human Rights Committee Meeting- April 11th, 2024- Highlights by Deannie Zahara

Item 3.1 Presentation on **Feeding Futures Initiative**

(Rhonda Ovelson-Director of Instruction, Feeding Futures and Alicia Kudryk-Health Promoting School Coordinator)
District Health Plan 2023-2024 framed within the larger district Health Plan with District Health Promoting School Schools Committee

*Supporting the *(Mental, Social and Physical)* Health of children and youth in Central Okanagan Public Schools.

*Data Collection from EDI, MDI, YDI and the BC Student Learning Survey

MENTAL WELLNESS: Priority Area- Mental Health Awareness (*CommunityLink Funding is now being spent here*)

SOCIAL WELLBEING: Priority Area- Belonging & Connection

PHYSICAL WELLBEING: Priority Area- **Food & Nutrition**; Quality Daily Activity

* Fueling students for success; 1 in 4 students live in food insecure households

How is the district addressing fueling students for success?

1. **Breakfast Program:** 1,000 per day, 5 days a week x 40 weeks= \$420,000 annually

2. **Brown Bag Lunch Program:** 1,300 per day= \$1.7 million annually and expected need to go up 20%
(North Zone- 530, Mission Central Zone-538, South Zone-)

3. **Backpack Program:** 350 “backpacks” of groceries = \$360,000 annually

4. **School Grant Money:** \$280,000 (Elementary, Middle, Highschool) schools apply for funding to enhance their food programs.

5. **Department Grants:** \$175,000 (Welcome Centre department and Indigenous Education department)

6. **Staffing:** \$730,000. 35 schools have added hours to enhance and support food programs.

- *Virtual Professional Development for food coordinators and others involved in food programs on “How to get better together” around providing Stigma-Free access to healthy local food for reducing stigma on school food programs.*

**It was noted that Health Promoting School Committee recently had a presentation on this topic of Stigma-Free Language (*HPS committee includes three COPAC reps and other SD23 Partner Groups*)

Equipment Grants: SD23 applied and received \$150,000 from the Capital Management Branch Grant, \$61,000 of equipment purchased so far. Plans to update the commercial kitchen at RSS (est. cost of \$80,000).

- Applied for more capital funding for next year to update other schools with commercial kitchens needing upgrades at KLO, then MBSS

FUNDING REVENUE SOURCE BREAKDOWN

Feeding Futures: \$2,800,000

Presidents Choice Charity: \$455,000

Food for Thought: \$400,000

Chief Tomat Elementary and Constable Neil Bruce Middle School have their own Lunch Programs and the cost of these are not included in this expense breakdown.

December COPAC Meeting: Guest Speaker – Rhonda Ovelson, Director of Instruction for Feeding Futures

- provided an update on the Feeding Futures program as well as information from Health Promoting Schools. Feeding Futures supports many families via a variety of programs including breakfasts programs, brown bag lunch programs and backpack programs. This is a growing issue in our community with over 1,000 students needing and receiving meals at breakfast and lunch and well over 300 students on the backpack program.
- [Health Promoting School committee](#) – part of the mandate is to assist in the development and monitoring of the school district health plan.
 - ✓ Mental Well-Being (*Social Emotional Learning, Strategies*)
 - ✓ Social Well-Being (*Belonging and connection*)
 - ✓ **Physical Well-Being** (*Food Nutrition; Quality Daily Activity*)
 - **Narrowed Focus:** Access to food and healthy eating behaviours.

DRAFT Goal(s):

-to ensure every student has sigma free access to food, and is learning about nutrition, during the school day

-to ensure every student is participating in daily physical activity that they enjoy and learning that lifelong participation in physical activity has many health benefits.

- **Why FOCUS on Food & Nutrition?**
 - 21.8% of households living with food insecurity have children under 18 in them-almost 1 in 4 under 18 lived in food-insecure household and these percentages are disproportionately higher for indigenous households (33.4%) and visible minority households [Stats Canada]
 - Physical readiness for the school day has sharply worsened in Wave 8 data (EDI) and 15.1% of students reported not eating breakfast 5+ times/week (MDI)
 - 10% of youth on YDI reported that in the last 12months that they often or sometimes worried about food running out before their family got money to buy more
 - 13% of students in grades 4 and 7 responded that they have felt hungry because there was not enough for to eat most of the time or all of the time and 18% of students in grades 10 and 12 which is above provincial average (BC Student Learning Survey-Satisfaction and Wellness Report)
- SD23 will be receiving 2.8 mil per year for the next 3 years to expand school food programs
- SD23 also utilizes grants, charities, and community partnerships to do this work (Power Full Kids Grant, Breakfast Clubs of Canada, Helens Acres, Independent Grocers, Rotary and more)
- Breakfast and Backpack programs- partner 'Food for Thought', has a team of almost 90 volunteers delivering breakfast a la carte items to schools, almost 1000 per day
- Expanding Brown Bag lunch program – students accessing these lunches expected to grow upwards of 20% over the next 3 years. Annual Expenditure is approximate \$1.7million
- School Grant money, to date about 20 schools have added
- CUPE staff additional support to running school food programs- to date about 30 schools have added staff.
- SD23 applied and received \$150,000 from the Capital Management Branch Grant, \$61,000 of equipment purchased so far. Plans to update the commercial kitchen at RSS (est. cost of \$80,000).
- Applied for more capital funding for next year to update other schools with commercial kitchens needing upgrades at KLO, then MBSS
- How to get better together, virtual learning network for professional learning around providing stigma-free access to healthy, local food.
- Social Stigma & Poverty - 2 departments focusing to remove barriers for accessing food-Welcome Centre and Indigenous Education
 - Created a space for collecting cash donations through school cash online- Select "Feeding Families"

[EDI](#) (Early Developmental Instrument), [MDI](#) (Middle Years Developmental Instrument), [YDI](#) (Youth Adolescent Developmental Instrument) and the [BC Student Learning Survey](#).
<https://earlylearning.ubc.ca/>

Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council Treasurer's Report

Account Balances as of **APR 30/2024**

General Account:

HSBC

Balance Forward	\$ 4,626.27
Deposits ()	-
Cheques written ()	690.20
Interest	0.04
Service Charges	6.00
Balance	\$ 3,930.11

Deposits to general acct

Description	Amount
Total	\$ -

Cheques from general Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
BCCPAC Fees	\$ 75.00	679
BCCPAC DPAC Sumit - Simon	\$ 166.20	683
BCCPAC AGM Reg - Simon	\$ 324.00	687
Bank Transfer to new account	\$ 50.00	689
BCCPAC Fees	\$ 75.00	686
Total	\$ 690.20	

Gaming Account:

HSBC

Balance Forward	\$ 2,874.00
Deposits ()	-
Cheques written ()	-
Interest	0.02
Service Charges	
Balance	\$ 2,874.02

Cheques from Gaming Account

Description	Amount	Chq #
TOTAL	\$ -	

Outstanding Commitments

COPAC SPENDING SUMMARY (2023-2024)

Current To: 2024-04-30

EXPENSES		BUDGET	EXPENSES	VARIANCE
General Account	BCCPAC Fees for SD23 PACs	\$ 3,375.00	2,925.00	450.00
	Communication Resources	\$ -	509.46	-
	Conference Fees	\$ 972.00	490.20	481.80
	Education	\$ -	23.06	-
	Travel	\$ 3,850.00		3,850.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 8,197.00	\$ 3,947.72	\$ 4,781.80

Gaming Account	BCCPAC DPAC Membership	\$ 150.00	150.00	-
	PAC Community Building	\$ 1,100.00	276.97	823.03
	Presenter Fees	\$ 1,250.00		1,250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 426.97	\$ 2,073.03

TRANSFERS TO NEW BANK		50.00	-	50.00
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ACCOUNT	STARTING BALANCE	EXPENSES	REVENUE	CURRENT BALANCE
General	\$ 3,204.49	4,274.69	5,000.31	3,930.11
Gaming	\$ 523.87	150.00	2,500.15	2,874.02
TOTAL	\$ 3,728.36	4,424.69	7,500.46	6,804.13

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COPAC SPENDING SUMMARY (2023-2024)

Current To: 2024-04-30

EXPENSES		BUDGET	EXPENSES	VARIANCE	OUTSTANDING EXPENSES	TOTAL EXPENSES	VARIANCE
General Account	BCCPAC Fees for SD23 PACs	\$ 3,375.00	2,925.00	450.00	150.00	3,075.00	300.00
	Communication Resources	\$ -	509.46	- 509.46		509.46	- 509.46
	Conference Fees	\$ 972.00	490.20	481.80	324.00	814.20	157.80
	Education	\$ -	23.06	- 23.06		23.06	- 23.06
	Travel	\$ 3,850.00		3,850.00		-	3,850.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 8,197.00	\$ 3,947.72	\$ 4,249.28	\$ 474.00	\$ 4,421.72	\$ 3,775.28

Gaming Account	BCCPAC DPAC Membership	\$ 150.00	150.00	-		150.00	-
	PAC Community Building	\$ 1,100.00	276.97	823.03		276.97	823.03
	Presenter Fees	\$ 1,250.00		1,250.00	1,312.50	1,312.50	- 62.50
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,500.00	\$ 426.97	\$ 2,073.03	\$ 1,312.50	\$ 1,739.47	\$ 760.53

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We are pleased to present the year-end report on behalf of the COPAC Executive, summarizing our sustained efforts in 2023/24 to amplify parent voices and enhance public education in SD23. Our key objectives focused on enhancing parent engagement, building organizational capacity, expanding our provincial presence, and strengthening collaborations.

Some notable COPAC accomplishments this year included:

- Hosted online workshops for bylaw amendments, Treasurer 101, hot lunch programs and Pre-BCCPAC AGM Resolutions
- Hosted Spring PAC social in 2023 with the 2024 event to be held this May
- Hosted a district-wide virtual ADHD learning event attended by over 400
- Hosted two district-wide virtual Digital Literacy events with the White Hatter

Advocacy and Policy Engagement:

- Collaborated with Provincial DPAC colleagues as well as COTA and CUPE in signing two letters in support of LGBTQ2S+ students, staff, and families, embracing inclusive and equitable school environments that uphold the principles of SOGI education.
- Sent a letter to Kelowna Mayor and Council in support of Transit for Teens campaign.
- Worked with PACs and SD23 senior staff to determine the need for changes to Policy 703 and Policy 390 to reflect the way in which Parents who are also SD23 employees can participate as PAC executives.
- In follow-up to our spring 2023 attendance at the SD23 Indigenous Education Council meeting, in 2023/24 COPAC has met with the SD23 Indigenous Education Department and Deputy Superintendent Terry Beaudry to support the restarting of the Indigenous Parent and Family Council as well as the search for two parent members of the Indigenous Education Council through awareness-building via COPAC communication with PACs and COPAC Reps.
- Engaged in ongoing discussions with SD23 senior staff and CUPE representatives through numerous formal and informal meetings to address PAC Enhancement Agreement issues and drive collaborative solutions.

Governance and Community Engagement:

- Board Meeting Participation: Ensured consistent parent representation at all relevant SD23 meetings (School Board meetings, Board Committee meetings and most School District Committee Meetings), advocating for community needs and parent voice.
- Financial and Operational Updates: Transitioned our banking operations to Interior Savings Credit Union to better manage our resources.
- Feeding Futures: Provided input on the application of the BC Ministry of Education and Child Care Feeding Futures Fund in SD23, representing input gathered from PACs and COPAC Reps to ensure parental input was considered.
- Worked with SD23 staff to ensure parents had the opportunity to provide feedback on the rollout of the new report cards (Student Learning Updates) via an online survey.
- COPAC met with Director of Instruction Jordan Kleckner to provide further details on student learning updates/new report cards.
- Community and Communication: Enhanced internal communication by starting a practice of distributing meeting highlights quickly post-COPAC meetings, to improve transparency and engagement. Additionally, we fostered community spirit through PAC social events.
- SD23 Budget: Following the annual SD23 Budget Presentation at the February COPAC meeting, we worked to actively encourage parents to provide feedback into the district's budget feedback survey. The 2024 results once again showed record input from the community. We also reminded PACs to connect with their School Principal about sharing school-based discretionary budgets with PACs this spring.
- Crisis Management and Support: Offered robust crisis management and financial guidance to various PACs, helping them effectively navigate complex issues.
- Once again, worked with the SD23 IT team to provide SD23 Zoom licenses for PACs continuing to host virtual or hybrid meetings.
- Engaged on STEAM Ecosystem BC – Okanagan Chapter monthly meetings to help bridge the gap to information sharing with PACs on STEM/STEAM learning opportunities and presenters.

Provincial Engagement:

- We have continued to build and strengthen relationships with our DPAC colleagues across the province to have a strong parent voice on issues that matter to SD23 families.
- Working with partner DPACs, we have been a leader in establishing and engaging on a BC DPAC Slack group for DPAC leaders across the province.
- Through our Vice President, Simon Adams, we increased engagement at the Provincial level with BCCPAC. Simon participated on both the Finance committee and the Bylaws committee. COPAC submitted a nomination for Simon Adams in November 2023 for a vacant space on the BCCPAC Board, but the BCCPAC Board took no action on this nomination. This spring COPAC Nominated Simon Adams for

a position on the BCCPAC Board of Directors for election at the 2024 AGM and we are happy to report he has been elected to the 2024/25 BCCPAC Board of Directors.

- In our overall BCCPAC engagement we:
 - Paid for 41 SD23 PAC memberships at BCCPAC for the 2023/24 year.
 - Three COPAC Executive members attended the 2024 BCCPAC AGM and carried 40 Proxy Votes to BCCPAC AGM from SD23 DPAC and PACs. (We also carried an additional 5 Proxy Votes from two other districts)
 - We independently submitted 3 Ordinary Resolutions and jointly submitted 5 (with SD36 and Sd40), demonstrating proactive advocacy for our community's interests. All of our resolutions were supported by the BCCPAC Membership, several unanimously.
 - Members of our COPAC executive as well as member PAC executives attended 3 BCCPAC town halls, the All Candidates event for AGM election, BC Gaming Information session, and sent 1 member to the DPAC Summit in November.

Many of COPAC's accomplishments were achieved through meaningful support and partnerships with SD23 Trustees, senior staff, PAC volunteers, COTA, CUPE, District Student Council representatives, partners and collaborators. We thank all of you for your continued support.

We were incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as your 2023/24 COPAC Executive. Looking forward, we remain committed to enhancing parent involvement and advocating for the educational needs of our children.

Signed,

Nicola Baker, President 2023/24

Simon Adams, Vice President 2023/24

Roslyn Hazen, Treasurer 2023/24

Deannie Zahara, Secretary 2023/24

Jeannette Watson, Leslie Atwell and Nathan Hind, Members At Large 2023/24