



**The Central Okanagan Parent Advisory Council
General Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 5th, 2023 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: Simon Adams, Nicola Baker (**CLE**), Roslyn Hazen (**HMS**), Deannie Zahara,
In Attendance: Maureen Kilcullen-**RVE**, Amanda Kraft-**SRE**, Camila Bifford- **GME & DRK**, Ingeborg Keyser-**CAS**, Jeannette Watson-**CMS & OKM**, Kelly Doane-**SLE**, Kristina-**AME**, Leslie Atwell-**WAT**, Nicole Codispoti-**BCE**, Ryan Liboiron-**BME**, Carrie Broughton-**KSS**, Adrian Burton-RMS & BGE Treasurer, Nathan Hind-BCE President

PARTNERS PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools-Kevin Kardaal

Deputy Superintendent of Schools-Terry Beaudry

Board of Education: Trustee Leanne Tiede

COTA (Central Okanagan Teachers Association)- Susan Bauhart

CUPE (Canadian Union of Public Employees)-no representative present

DSC (District Student Council)- Zach Johnson

1.0 Call to Order: Greetings/Introductions- Simon Adams

2.0 Guest Speaker- None

3.0 Establish Quorum (10 Voting Members) Established with 17 school PACs.

AME	X	ASM		BHE		BGE	X	BCE	X	BME	X	CAS	X	CTE		CLE	X	DRE	
DWE		ELE		GME	X	GRE		HGE		HRE		MJE		NGE		OTS		PLE	
PSE		PGE		QGE		RAY		RVE	X	RLE		SLE	X	SKE		SRE	X	SVE	
WAT	X	WRE																	
CMS	X	CNB		DRK	X	GMS		HM	X	KLO		RMS	X	SM					
GESS		KSS	X	MBS		OKM	X	RSS											
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4.0 Agenda: Additions/Approval

Motion: To accept the June 5th, 2023 COPAC Agenda as presented.

Motioned by Jeannette W., second by Roslyn H.

Motion carried

5.0 Minutes: Additions/Approval

Motion: To accept the May 1st, 2023 minutes as circulated.

Motioned by Jeannette W., second by Roslyn H.

Motion carried

6.0 SD23 PARTNER GROUP REPORTS

Trustee Update: Lee-Anne Tiede

- 2 Ministerial visits: Adrian Dix, (is a member of the Provincial Treasury Board, took him on

tour of RMS) and Minister of Education and Child Care Rachna Singh toured several SD23 facilities

-Board spoke with both of them at length advocating for RMS

- Attended the last DSC meeting of the year, grateful for their leadership

Superintendent Update- Kevin Kaardal

- Encourage people to attend planning and facilities committee meetings, *open to public and can also review meeting minutes highlights posted on district website*
- RMS has been on the replacement list almost 20 years, and the government keeps denying our request, as there are other schools across B.C. that they consider higher priority than RMS.
- Government only replaces 1 school per year and there are 1,600 schools across BC with \$15 billion in requests for capital funding and only distribute about \$800,000 across B.C.
- Reimagining the request for RMS as renovation/new space
- Busy time of the year with lots of celebrations, with high school grads, Indigenous Blanket Ceremonies, grade 5/6 elementary celebrations
- Round of applause, thank you to our District Student Council for all their hard work this school year
- Thank you to all the parents actively involved in COPAC and PACs, supporting students and schools
- Year-end Superintendent Annual Report will be coming out end of June

Question/Comments

Playground Equipment Program (PEP) priority list update- Nicola B. (*June 7th planning & facilities committee agenda*) 1. *Belgo Elementary* 2. *South Rutland Elementary* and 3. *Helen Gorman Elementary*

SD23 was not selected this year for the [provincial PEP funding](#).

- Superintendent Kardaal commented that Action 4Canada members have been outside some of our schools handing out pamphlets, Principals have been notified that they are not allowed on school property.
-SD23 is working with the Ministry, law enforcement, and legal team to ensure we promote safe and inclusive school environments.
-If there is any vandalism plus the literature it can be constituted as Hate Crime, please report any incidents.

COTA – Susan Bauhart, President

- busy end of the year wrap up
- expressed appreciation that COTA is invited to attend the monthly COPAC meetings and look forward to collaborating next year

CUPE, *no rep present*

DSC – Zach Johnson, Co-President

- Had last DSC meeting of the year and elected new Co-Chairs for 2023/24 school
- Busy time of year for students, especially for the graduating grade 12's

This is Zach last year, as he's graduating.

-Simon Adams thanked all of our partner groups and SD23 staff for a successful year

7.0 PAC 360– Simon Adams (*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*)

-Nicola spoke on behalf of CLE school community thanking the students from Canyon Falls Middle and OKM Secondary schools who came out to Chute Lake elementary to assist with a number of school community building events, Primary Mini Track Meet and the Carnival. Lots of PACs across the district engage students from their own extended family of schools to support events like these to help make them successful. And thank you to all the teachers in SD23 who support PAC events and especially the District Track & Field events, Robotics competitions and so much more that are not part of their normal jobs. Thank you to everyone in our district working together to create caring communities.

Question from RVE rep.

-Regarding collecting receipts from Teachers to reimburse with PAC funds

Answered by Roslyn H.: Rule of thumb is the more info collected for records is better. Receipts per classroom if you want to track itemized expenditures or a straight donation to the school as long as you have a record of it as a donation. It's important to make it clear to the teachers beforehand how you need it recorded.

- Simon reminded about the PST rebate Instruction guide emailed to PAC Presidents and COPAC reps, if you didn't receive it email copac.president@sd23.bc.ca

-Simon encouraged using PAC dollars to align with needs based off your School Community Learning Plans, for example stronger outcomes for STEM, mathematics, reading/Writing Literacy, outdoor play/learning. The needs and goals will vary for each schools focus and this would be an example of how PACs can strategically align its spending with the priorities of the school.

8.0 COPAC 360

- **Motion: To accept the COPAC financial update as presented** – Roslyn Hazen
 - Reviewed April financials, bank statements
 - Reviewed May financials, bank statements
 - Reminder PAC gaming needs to be spent within 24 months, if assistance is needed with how to get extension approval contact copac.treasuer@sd23.bc.ca*
 - Motioned by Jeannette W., second by Leslie A.
 - **Motion carried**
- **Shared Draft Budget for 2023/24** to be approved by members at the September 11th COPAC General Meeting
- **Feeding Futures funding**– Nicola Baker and Leslie Atwell
 - How can PACs be engaged with this process ... received a few ideas from PAC execs. And we will be meeting with senior staff regarding this new funding.
 - Highlight - BC Agricultural food in the Classroom reapplication due now, it was free, but now the government is only providing 75% funding and BCAITC is now suggesting that school district utilize the Feeding Futures funding to pay for the other 25%.
- **Indigenous Focused Course Credits** – Nicola Baker
 - Info from Education & Student services committee-SD23 still working on the process of getting sd23 designed indigenous focused courses approved by ministry for

graduation requirements

- **23/24 COPAC Reps and PAC President list** –Simon Adams
 - Compiling the list of incoming PAC exec members. Please complete survey as soon as you have completed PAC elections.
- **23/24 School Calendar** – Nicola Baker is the parent rep for this committee, reminder for parents/guardians to complete the survey to provide feedback

9.0 Other Business – None

10.0 Adjournment- 8:30pm

Future Meeting General Meeting September 11th, 2023 7:00pm via zoom.

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

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