



The Confederation of Parents' Advisory Councils of Saanich

Meeting Minutes

MS Teams ([link](#))

February 10, 2022, 7 – 9 pm

Chairperson: Monique Hiltz

1. **Introduction and territorial acknowledgement**
2. **Approval of agenda**
3. **Approval of last meeting's minutes ([January 2022](#) and [attachments](#))**
4. **Update from our education partners - District, Trustees, Teachers**

Dave

- Strategic Plan survey
- Feb 25 deadline
- COPACS will disseminate widely
- Process moving forward
 - o More time to respond
 - o IBM Watson response
 - o SPAC the following week
 - o March 16 meeting
- Community associations consultation?
 - o Tim
 - Education is not a narrow stratum, staff, board, formal partners – community has an interest. This is a better plan than our previous two. Align budget and operational decisions.
 - Would like them to broaden their mandate.
 - Meeting on the 17th with WSANEC Nation.
 - o Trustee Holman
 - Consulted them on recent budget
 - Strat Plan
 - Food security, transportation and community safety
 - Tax \$\$ flow through municipalities
 - Land use for affordable housing for families

Tim Dunford

- Budget is coming forward
- Consultation plan
- Write a letter to Ministry of Education on unfunded pressures – inflation
 - o Increasing enrollment leads to sustainable funding
 - o Repeat from letter sent last year
- Vaccine mandate

- Thank Craig for presentation
- Thanks to Andrew for Correspondence
- Neutral position on the mandate
- High vaccination rate, no functional closures
- Anticipated Feb 16 announcement by PHO
- Wait and see and cautious approach
- Victoria Martin has resigned from the Board
 - Elected in 2014, served as Chair
- Monica Brandt has resigned and is moving to Sooke
- Committee of the Whole is an appropriate forum for discussion

Trustee Holman

- Jan Board meeting – resume in person meetings when PHO allows
- Coalition for Healthy Foods – Samantha Gambling – Board is endorsing
- Down to 6 Trustees
- Board next week – early literacy work – the Haggarty Program
- Presentation on jurisdiction of WSANEC Nation
- BC sustainable energy plan
 - Shared responsibility and interests around costs
 - Transportation and buildings
 - Childcare issue
 - Report on the gap between

Coady's presentation – see attached

5. Executive updates

- a) President report (Monique Hiltz)
- b) Vice Presidents (Liz Keating and Kim Woodcock)
- c) Treasurer (Craig Morton)

No change until operating fund

Motion for expenses:

- Craig: \$110 funding for the Survey costs
- Robin: Second
- Discussion: Andrew took the initiative
- Vote: 9 in favour; 1 abstain

d) Board Committee Rep (Ashley Sonosky)

6. Old business

- a) Original COPACS Motion on Nature Education Program and Nature Wagons Pilot Project (Andrew Pape-Salmon). Preliminary motion (subject to amendment)
 - i. Motion for COPACS to co-fund a pilot project to introduce “Nature Wagons” (attachment [#1](#), [#2](#)) to at least three elementary schools in SD#63 in 2022 to a maximum contribution of \$1,000, subject to matching contributions from host school

Parent Advisory Councils and written confirmation by PACs of teacher volunteers willing to introduce programming.

- ii. Discussion:
- iii. Wendy Bird – durable wagon. Bulk order.
- iv. Carolyn: as this relates to education and curriculum, should this be part of the core costs of the District?
- v. Sarah (Brentwood): Will funding be made available in the future?
- vi. Bonnie (Stelly's): Import we frame this as working together as an entire group. Formally put this out as a COPACS initiative. Seek interest from schools - Funding, admin and staff support. Report back to COPACS.
- vii. Craig: We could provide the initiative.
- viii. Preliminary Interest
 - i. Cordova
 - ii. Brentwood
 - iii. Keating
 - iv. Kelset
 - v. Prospect Lake

b) Revised motion:

- i. Motion that COPACS facilitate a pilot program and act as a buying agent on behalf of individual PACs that express interest and whose schools have capacity to deliver programming, to procure durable Nature Wagons for the PACs, including consideration of COPACS co-funding for schools unable to cover the full cost, to a maximum of \$1000.
 - i. Carried - unanimous

c) Constitution Committee update (Bonnie Doyle)

- i. Motion to add VP Kim Woodcock to the constitution committee
 - i. Carried – unanimous except abstention
- ii. Review by a lawyer – no expense (probono)
- iii. Needs to be voted on by the membership

7. New business

a) Preparation for COPACS AGM (March 10, 2022), including nominations for Executive

b) Vacancies

- i. President
- ii. Recording secretary

c) Nomination committee – no volunteer identified. Could Monique take this on?

d) Agenda

- i. President's report
- ii. Committees, annual reports and motions
- iii. Constitution motion
- iv. Nominations

8. Adjournment