



The Confederation of Parents' Advisory Councils of Saanich

Meeting Agenda

MS Teams ([link](#))

January 13, 2022, 7 – 9 pm

Chairperson: Monique Hiltz

1. Introduction and territorial acknowledgement
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes ([November 2021](#))
4. Update from our education partners - District, Trustees, Teachers

Superintendent

- Newsletter
- BCCDC Site
 - 94% double vaccinated for Saanich peninsula
 - 5-11 in Saanich peninsula: 68% have single doses
- Vaccine mandate
 - Board's discretion
 - Operational considerations
 - Substitute teacher list
- School opening – compare these two
 - Health closure
 - Functional closure = not enough staff
 - Zero failure to fill rate this week
 - Lower student attendance this week – not sure what cause
- Q&A
 - PPE supplies
 - 3-ply is available to staff and students
 - N-95 – taking direction from the Health Authority, no anticipation. Limited suppliers. Offshore supply has quality issues.

Jason

- Provincial online schools
- Putting SIDES forward
- 80-85% is from outside of the District
- Funding formula – not new enrollment adds budget pressures
- International students – from 300 FTE to 100, recovered to 125-130 (last year), at 225-230FTE (this year). Challenge has been homestay students. Historically contributed \$1.6M of net revenue. Important for Parkland

Tim

- COPACS has been in place since 1982
- Welcome back – restful break

- Regular business personnel, projects, finances
- Board is not considering imposing a staff vaccine mandate
 - o Many issues
 - o Presentation next week
- Strategic Plan
 - o Next meeting on Wednesday
 - o Draft Strategic Plan
 - o Further community engagement
 - o Four
 - Literacy
 - Indigenous support
 - Mental health
 - Citizenship
- Planning Day on Dec 8
 - o Melissa Austin and Cheryl McCrae – Indigenous focus
 - o Calls to Action from the TRC
 - o Gordon Lee – efficiency of Board operations
- Local teacher bargaining has started
 - o Trustee Stilzer
 - o Non-monetary issues
- Opening of Children’s Development Centre
 - o Jewel in the Crown
 - o Provincial financing
 - o Beacon Community Services
 - o Younger vulnerable students
- Chair and Vice-Chair meet with the Executive of our partners
- Value participation of COPACS at committee

Teri

- New Vice-Chair
- Budget meeting Jan 27
- 3-year calendar – approval of the draft
- Attended the academy – drawing change and reimagining education, Indigenous
- Provincial Council coming up

Special Presentation – Nature Program Working Group

- a) Mary Lynn Heron – Principal, Cordova Bay Elementary
- b) Lisa Kinshella
- c) See two attachments

Q&A

- Geology and climate change
- Incorporating learning on numeracy and literacy
- Focus on equity across all schools
- Started with elementary schools
- Potential to extend to middle and high schools

- Parents can identify natural spaces near their schools
- COPACS role is to support and potentially to support with funding to allow equity

5. Other executive updates

- d) President report (Monique Hiltz)

No report

- e) Vice Presidents (Liz Keating and Kim Woodcock)
- f) Treasurer (Craig Morton)

Financial update attached

- g) Board Committee Rep (Ashley Sonosky)

Report attached

6. Old business

- a) Update on Parent Survey regarding vaccine mandate (COPACS Exec)

Decision to present data to the Trustees

7. New business

- a) Ideas on 21st century learning and environmental stewardship (Holly Fang)

Suggestion for innovation

Hands on discovery and inquiry instead of teaching

Opportunities for excelling

Autonomy in learning process

Example: Vancouver Island School of Inquiry

Gifted students – what they need, all learners benefit from

8. Adjournment