



The Confederation of Parents' Advisory Councils of Saanich

Meeting Minutes

MS Teams

June 10, 2021, 7 – 9 pm

Attendance

- Dave Eberwin
- Jason Reid - Secretary Treasurer
- Robin Howe
- Alicia Holman
- Bonnie Doyle
- Bonnie Peterson
- Eva Castelsky - Lochside PAC
- James Taylor
- Kim Woodcock
- Leanne Turple - Lochside PAC
- Liz Keating
- Craig Morton
- Julia Roemer
- Sheila Stelck
- Wendy Bird

1. Introduction and territorial acknowledgement
 - a. Monique acknowledged the work of James Taylor over many years of his service
2. Approval of agenda
3. Approval of last meeting's minutes ([May 2021](#))
4. Update from our education partners
 - a. Dave - District COVID-19 Survey
 - i. Slide deck (hyperlink)
 - ii. 854 respondents: Parents/Guardians 47.5%
 - iii. Used IBM Watson Tone Analyzer
 - iv. Major themes:
 1. Quarter system
 2. Remote learning
 3. Mental health
 - v. Major learnings from the survey
 - b. Dave - September 2021 guidelines
 - i. We are still in stage 2
 - ii. Possibility for Stage 1 in September

- c. Dave - Reconciliation
 - i. Need to understand the truth as a starting point for reconciliation
- d. Questions
 - i. Remote learning - funded by the feds
 - ii. Indigenous reconciliation - possibility for teacher and parent education opportunities such as "Understanding the Village" workshop
 - iii. Mental health work from the Province?
- e. Jason - Budget update
 - i. 80% of funding is based on enrollment
 - ii. Enrollment increased last September 2020 due to SIDES
 - iii. 2021: Recovery of neighborhood schools (+), decrease in SIDES (-), potential net decrease of 200FTEs (being conservative)
 - iv. Foreign students will increase in 2021, not a full recovery for the -200 (availability of homestays is a limiting factor)
 - v. 2020, received \$3.6m in targeted funding related to pandemic: remote learning, HVAC
 - vi. Board priorities
 - 1. Maintain daytime custodial in elementary schools
 - 2. IT infrastructure budget
 - 3. Priority initiatives: e.g., Indigenous
 - vii. Community survey, met with students: heard interest to focus on mental health - passed a motion to look at financial circumstances in September to consider mental health initiatives
 - viii. \$2.8M out of reserve
 - ix. Concern for sustainability in 2023-24
- f. Questions
 - i. Forecast reserve in September? \$3.5 million
 - ii. Last year, used less than half of the reserve
- g. Trustee Sheila Steck
 - i. Provided an update on the Board's strategic planning.
 - ii. The Board intends to undertake Community engagement in the fall.
 - iii. Look for something coming through COPACs by the end of August.
 - iv. Engagement with parents following that.
- h. Trustee Holman
 - i. Gave thanks to Dave, Jason, and the COPACS for our work this year.
 - ii. Noted that the board received a presentation on food insecurity.
 - iii. Board has sent a letter to the Ministry of Education regarding education funding.
 - iv. Noted the celebration to open native plant garden at the Individual Learning Centre.
 - v. The upcoming board policy meeting will discuss sexual orientation and gender identity Policy, and future strategic planning.
- i. I. Teacher representative Donnie Peterson:
 - i. noted that Teachers are hopeful for September to move back to 'normal' year.

- ii. Last day for Donnie as rep. New STA President will be Michael MacEwan.
- iii. Office moving over summer period.

Partners left meeting - 7:52

5. Executive updates

a) President

- Appointments - Stelly's Gord Redlin (Principal), Ryan Braun (Vice Principal) officially appointed.
- Strategic Plan update - Consultant Mike McKay hired to streamline process.
 - Current priorities transitions, literacy, Indigenous learner success and mental health.
 - Themes to be reviewed at the next Board meeting June 16th.
- Kamloops Residential school - COPACS reached out to Melissa Austen. Exec wanted to respond respectively. Reached out to Wsanec nation and were directed to the message sent out by the School District.
- Monique thanked James for his work with COPACS
- Next BCCPAC meeting:
 - At AGM membership called for the Board to organize an extraordinary board meeting to go over the remaining resolutions. New meeting date July 7th 2021.
 - Not going to allow resolutions from the floor for this second meeting.
 - Monique will be reaching out to all PACs, each PAC must represent themselves, no proxy votes. Will be using zoom, they will not be able to monitor proxy votes like the previous platform.
 - James provided an overview of resolutions and why they are important. Provide a voice to the PACs at the provincial level.
 - Monique asked VPs to email all PACs to fill out forms indicating that COPACS can vote on behalf of your PAC.
 - Liz will draft the email to PACs.
 - Andrew to post on COPACS website

b) Vice Presidents

c) Treasurer

- a. Craig provided report (we just received 2 years of District grants = \$5000)
- b. Next year, more transactions

d) Board Committee Rep

- a. Committee day
- b. Food insecurity
 - i. James will canvas PACs on initiatives for food
 - ii. Prospect Lake interested in collaborating with farms
 - iii.

6. Old business

- a. BCPAC

- i. Extraordinary meeting to address unfinished resolutions:
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/index.php/conferences1/egm>
 - ii. Here is the full list of resolutions:
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/AGM/2021-AGM-Booklet.pdf>
 - iii. These are the resolutions covered at AGM:
<https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/AGM/2021-AGM-Results.pdf>
- 7. New business
 - a. Check-in with PAC reps re: latest COVID restrictions
 - i. Check in with the District: Carly Hunter
 - ii. Each school is able to facilitate parents in a different way
 - iii. Discussion that many schools do not have any activities with parents
 - iv. Pizza days? Only aware of one example where there is pizza with no parents
 - v. Per Superintendent's comment: No change until September (stage 1)
- 8. Adjournment