



The Confederation of Parents' Advisory Councils of Saanich

## Meeting Minutes

MS Teams ([link](#))

November 25, 2021, 7 – 9 pm

Chairperson: Kim Woodcock

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

### District Superintendent Dave Eberwin

- Strategic Plan Advisory Group meeting today
- Three themes
  - Indigenous learning success
  - Mental health and wellness
  - Literacy
- Aim for lifting the entire student body
- Board meeting next Wednesday
- Q&A
  - Integration of approaches across various schools
  - Indigenous language instruction at several schools

### Jason

- Q&A
  - Funding formula review MOE – not looking to implement the change
  - Budget consultation will begin early next year

### Nola

- Was in two schools for Remembrance Day assemblies
- Comment on the opportunities via the strategic plan

### Michael MacEwan: Saanich Teachers

- New president
- Supporting the teachers on their mental health

### 5. **Other executive updates**

- a) No President report (Monique regrets)
- b) Vice Presidents (Liz Keating and Kim Woodcock) – no report
- c) Treasurer (Craig Morton) - See attachment

d) Board Committee Rep (Ashley Sonosky) – not in attendance; report attached

## **6. Old business**

a) Review of action items (Andrew Pape-Salmon)

- i. Strategic plan survey and sessions with schools (all)
  - ii. Parent Education Series and PAC contributions (Phil Malloy)
- Action items completed
  - Discussion about how we communicate to parents

## **7. New business**

a) Proposed COPACS letter to SD63 requesting a vaccine mandate (Andrew)

- Motion 1: that COPACS write a letter to the Saanich School Board requesting reconsideration of the policy regarding staff vaccination and speaking in favour of a vaccine mandate for all staff.
  1. Bonnie – Stelleys unresolved - abstain
  2. Jennifer – Claremont neutral - abstain
  3. Robin - Keating pro mandate – in favour
  4. Andrew – Cordova Bay neutral - abstain
  5. Sara – Brentwood neutral - abstain
  6. Julia – Royal Oak neutral - abstain
  7. Heather – Deep Cove neutral - abstain
  8. Jackie – Prospect Lake neutral - abstain
  9. Liz – Kelset pro mandate – in favour
  10. Eva – Lochside neutral – abstain
- Summary of PAC votes
  - 2 – in favour (Keating, Kelset)
  - 0 – opposed
  - 8 – abstain
- Motion 2: to revisit the original motion: approved
- Motion 3: subject to the results of a parent survey with a simple 50% majority in favour, that COPACS write a letter to the Saanich School Board requesting reconsideration of the policy regarding staff vaccination and speaking in favour of a vaccine mandate for all staff.
- Unanimous support – 10 PACs

Two weeks from the date it is posted. Last day of school.

## **8. Adjournment**