



The Confederation of Parents' Advisory Councils of Saanich

## Meeting Minutes

MS Teams ([link](#))

January 13, 2022, 7 – 9 pm

Chairperson: Monique Hiltz

### Attendance:

- Andrew Pape-Salmon (Recording Secretary)
- Bonnie Doyle (Stelly's COPACS Rep)
- Phil Molloy
- Dave Eberwein
- Kim Woodcock (COPACS VP)
- Jason Reid
- Jennifer Furtado (Claremont rep)
- Judi Carroll
- Julia Roemer
- Laura Barber
- Leanne T (LEPAC)
- Lisa Kinshella
- MaryLynn Heron
- Michael Macewan
- Monique (COPACS President)
- Nicole Haas
- Sarah Lefebvre
- Timothy Dunford
- Teri Vanwell

### Notes:

- 1. Introduction and territorial acknowledgement**
- 2. Approval of agenda.** Carried.
- 3. Approval of last meeting's minutes ([November 2021](#)).** Carried.
- 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
  - Many issues
  - Presentation next week
- Strategic Plan
  - Next meeting on Wednesday
  - Draft Strategic Plan
  - Further community engagement
  - Four
    - Literacy
    - Indigenous support
    - Mental health
    - Citizenship
- Planning Day on Dec 8
  - Melissa Austin and Cheryl McCrae – Indigenous focus
  - Calls to Action from the TRC
  - Gordon Lee – efficiency of Board operations
- Local teacher bargaining has started
  - Trustee Stilzer
  - 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.** Carried.