**Welcome to the June Confederation Of Parents Advisory Council of Saanich’s (COPACS) report.**

At each monthly meeting, we are fortunate to have the Superintendent, members from the Saanich School District and the Board of Trustees join us and present updates and new information, along with members from other PACs and guest speakers.

**David Eberwein, SD63 Superintendent**

District Pandemic Survey Results

NOTE: the full slideshow can be found in the COPACS meeting minutes

The goal of the survey was to obtain feedback from our district community about the current school years instructional operations. There were 854 respondents, with 3,555 questions answered. The respondents included parents/guardians, students, teachers, CUPE, and administration.

September 2021 Start Up Plan

The district will be staying in Stage 2 until the end of August 2021. The goal for September is to be in Stage 1. There are contingency plans in place in case we need to move from State 1 back to Stages 2 or 3. At this time the remote learning program will not be offered for the 2021-2022 school year. There is no Federal funding and SD63 does not have the money in the budget to fund the program. For anyone interested in distance education, there is the option to register with SIDES (the South Island Distance Education School).

International Student Hosts Needed

SD63 is still in need of a handful of families to host international students. All students follow travel guidelines. They complete a Covid-19 test before travel and again upon arrival. The students then follow the required quarantine and all Provincial Health Orders. For more information, please see: <https://www.sd63.bc.ca/news/2021-04/spare-room-become-homestay-family>

**Jason Reid, SD63 Secretary-Treasurer**

* September 2021-2022 registration is challenging. It is projected to see a recovery in numbers in our brick-and-mortar schools and a decrease in our SIDES programs. Our funding is based upon school registration.
* The International student registration is forecasted at approximately 200 students which is still down from the usual 300+
* Part of the lower international enrollment due to the hesitations around people providing homestays \*See SD63 website for more information – above link\*
* The Board adopted the proposed 2021-2022 budget. They are also looking to see how we can fund mental health initiatives.
* The top 3 priorities identified for 2021-2022 budget: (1) maintain daytime custodial support $143,000, (2) reinstate $200,000 into the IT infrastructure budget, (3) $100,000 for educational priorities: focus on indigenous education, literacy, and improving educational outcomes.
* Money was taken out of reserve to help support these priorities for the 2021-2022 school year.
* Reserve balances available for funding programs this year – consumed $1million 2020-2021 and a possible $2.8million in 2021-2022 leaving approx. $800K for 2022-2023
* Possible financial pressure in 2022-2023

**Donnie Peterson, Saanich Teachers Association President**

* Teachers are hopeful for September to be back to normal, with no restrictions.
* This is Donnie’s last year as president, Michael MacEwan is the new president.
* STA Office is moving to their own purchased site during the summer.

**Monique Hiltz, COPACS President’s Report**

Extraordinary Annual General Meeting (E-AGM)

What: At the last AGM in May 2021, there was a lot of drama during the resolution portion of the meeting and time ran out. An E-AGM was called to go through the resolutions and motions. All information can be found at: <https://bccpac.bc.ca/images/AGM2021-AGM-Booklet.pdf>

When: July 7, 2021

Where: Virtual, Via Zoom

Who: Each PAC registered as a BCCPAC member should have an executive representative or delegate at the meeting. No proxies outside of individual schools are permitted. If an executive member is unable to attend, the PAC executive can proxy a parent in the school to attend and vote on our behalf. \*Proxies due June 25\*

If you have any questions you can contact our COPACS rep, Wendy at Wendy\_Bird@outlook.com or COPACS at the links below.

The next COPACS Meeting: September 2021

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