

COPAC REPRESENTATIVE 2019/2020 FINAL REPORT FOR SRE PAC

In March, just before the pandemic measures came into effect COPAC hosted a PAC Presidents dinner and had a small but productive turn out with a great round table discussion addressing challenges facing PACS. Interestingly, one of the ideas discussed during the round table discussion was encouraging more participation in PAC meetings by offering a video conference component for those parents unable to get out of the home for PAC meetings but wanting to participate and be informed....and here we are, using this technology to connect at this time.

In May, COPAC had our first Zoom meeting, elections were held and the following will be the executive for 2020/2021:

President: Cherylee Morrison.

Vice-President: Vivian Evans

Treasurer: Janet Dillon.

Member at Large (Diverse Learners): Lahine Farstad

Member at Large (Social Media): Jeremy Jardine

Member at Large (Resource): Nicole Garcia

The Secretary position was filled during the June zoom meeting, with myself, Lisa Fennell, volunteering to take on the position. I look forward to working with the COPAC executive in September.

When I took on the COPAC Representative position for PAC late last year, I was unsure what it would be like, but I have truly enjoyed the experience and appreciate getting a glimpse of the passion and commitment of the Trustees, COTA, and the Superintendent for our district and appreciate that through PAC, COPAC, BCCPAC, parents have a chance to participate, communicate and shape Education in BC and our voices matter, particularly now in these times as parents, teachers and our children have had to adapt how education is delivered. During the last Zoom meeting the Superintendent expressed gratitude for administrators, teachers and support staff for all the hard work in adjusting and getting in school instruction set up for some kids while continuing online learning for others.

If I remember correctly at our first PAC meeting in September, Mr. Watson introduced a theme for this school year. Gratitude. No one could have predicted how appropriate this theme has been. Gratitude for good governance in leadership, for everyone in administration and support staff, for Teachers and CEA's who have been tasked with having to learn new methods and programs, and gratitude especially for our kids who have had a big disruption in their lives, who are missing friends but have participated in homeschooling efforts and gotten onto zoom calls. And thank you parents! Thank you PAC executive and PAC volunteers for all your efforts throughout this year!

Lisa Fennell, COPAC Representative, SRE PAC

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