



May 5, 2025

Dear Board Chair Dunford,

COPACS values and appreciates the partnership that parents and educational partners play in supporting the children of SD63.

To maximize the support and involvement of parents and guardians in the district, COPACS would like to share the following reflections, feedback and requests to the School District:

1. To make [Annual Report](#) components easily identifiable and accessible on the School District website.
 - The challenge of navigating and locating information within PDF packages from Board and Committee meetings has been raised by COPACS in the past, and we would like to request that core financial, outcome, and strategic planning progress listed within Admin Procedure 101 (e.g. student enrolment, staffing, programs, goals, targets and results from the Strategic Plan, WSANEC, Other First Nations, Métis and Inuit Engagement Agreement) be centrally and easily navigable for parents and the public.
2. Schedule a committee meeting in the evening.
 - Committee Day is a critical table for parents to actively participate and contribute at the district level. Unfortunately, many parents are unable to attend these daytime meetings. COPACS would like to request that one of the committees be scheduled in the evening to support easier attendance by families.
3. Publication of the Board of Education agenda, meeting package and dial-in details before the meeting
 - To support parents and community members' understanding and accessibility of Board of Education meetings, posting the meeting agenda packages and dial-in links in advance would be helpful.
4. Policy amendments document edits consistently show track changes.
 - COPACS values the opportunity to share feedback on policy changes. We respectfully ask that any policy documents circulated for feedback consistently include the proposed edits to the policy for easy reference and review.
5. Recording Education Direction meetings
 - The Education Directions committee hosts very interesting and important educational topics for parents. COPACS would like to request that speakers/presentations from these Committee meetings be recorded for future viewing.

6. Make a stipend available for parent Committee reps for transportation and childcare if needed.
 - To recognize the lack of remuneration and costs involved for volunteer parent representatives to attend Committee Day, COPACS would like to ask that a stipend for transportation and childcare be offered to parent representatives. Parents appreciate the lunch very much.
7. Childcare at District events
 - To facilitate involvement and attendance for parents, COPACS would like to ask that babysitting or child care be considered for events hosted for parents to help support their attendance and increase the potential number of families who might be able to attend.

With our respect and in service to our children,

Megan Misovic

Chair COPACS

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