

Colquitz Middle School – PAC Meeting

Minutes

November 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:11 pm

Attendance: Christine Surridge, Kindree Draper, Lisa Gelling, Karen G, Chantelle B., Serena S., Carly, Mandy G, Topher Macintosh (principal)

Introductions

Motion to approve October minutes by Kindree, seconded by Serena, passed

Financial Report:

- Gaming grant in the amount of \$10,120.00 was deposited into our account mid-October
- Gaming account balance is \$14,434.73, \$1000 for Salish Sea Field Trip pending
- Parent Education grant in the amount of \$250.00 was deposited into our operating account
- Operating account balance is \$4,564.02, \$89.59 reimbursement cheque pending

VCPAC Report:

- BCCPAC passed their budget
- Shelley Green has officially stepped down as superintendent, Deb Whitten is interim superintendent until June 30th
- Vic High land use being rammed through with changes that community wasn't expecting (eight-land track down to two for example)
- Pilot program "learn through lunch" ongoing in Elementary schools
- School Board motion for vaccine mandate has been permanently tabled

Fundraiser:

- Wild and Free Organics, by Chantelle
- Will post a link and use the code CMS2021. Orders from time of posting until Friday December 10th.
- Will set up a pick-up table at the school rather than send home orders with students due to the fragile nature of the items. Pick up will be Tuesday, December 14th.
- If need to make alternate arrangements for pick-up put that in the comment section of your order or contact Chantelle.
- Opportunity with Victoria Royals (Karen G)
- Royals will exchange 50 unsold tickets from 2019 for 50 vouchers. Mo needs 40 at least. Colquitz will get the 50/50 for last home game of the season (March 26). Mo will run the fundraiser.
- Karen G proposed possible use for future profits in purchase of specialized IED books as Inclusive Ed Program does not have enough money to buy them – they could be kept by the library. Cost is 30 books for \$400.

Announcements:

- Donations for Santa's Closet are being accepted now (drop off at school)
- VCPAC excited at the idea of an arrangement being made between SD61 and Island Sexual Health
- Proposing a pilot for middle school, come up with a resolution – which has become a proposal for a district-wide policy on sexual health.

Administration Report:

- Dylan Thomas not at meeting tonight. Hopes to install art piece early in the new year. Possibility of presenting in December or January.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony was online again this year. Went well.
- School mascot is a cougar. In First Nations cultures this animal is not spoken of (Sometimes associated with kidnapping). Looking at replacing the mascot for next year.
- Boys 7/8 basketball team is doing really well.
- School held up very well in the recent heavy rain – no leaks.

PAC FB page DRAFT discussion:

- The first draft of a set of standards and guidelines for posting to the PAC Facebook page was presented followed by an in-depth discussion of what they represent for parents.
- Parents divided over best way to go forward. Some in favour, some find it too restrictive.
- They will be posted on the PAC Facebook page to give all parents the opportunity to vote.

Opens:

- Motion for Karen G's book proposal by Kindree, seconded by Carly, passed

Motion to adjourn by Christine, seconded by Kindree, passed. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, January 18th 7-8 in the library. Subsequently cancelled in light of pandemic-related issues.