

# Colquitz Middle School – PAC Meeting

## Minutes

### April 19, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm

**Attendance:** Christine Surridge, Kindree Draper, Serena, John, Topher Mackintosh (principal)

**Guest: Artist Dylan Thomas**

- PAC committed \$1,000 in 2020/21 to commission an art piece with Indigenous meaning for the school
- Project has been delayed due to cedar being hard to get. Will be able to purchase directly from the mill in Sooke
- Showed us the design he is going to do for the school and examples of some similar work
- Should be finished during the summer
- Possible event to install in the fall

**Introductions**

Motion to approve February minutes by Serena, seconded by Kindree, passed.

**Financial Report:**

- Gaming account balance is \$12,988.61.
- Operating account balance is \$3,603.79.

**Announcements:**

Grade 8 Day

- Motion to fund \$10 per grade 8 student for Grade 8 day celebrations by Kindree, seconded by Serena, passed.

Proposed Sexual Health Policy

- At the September 2021 PAC meeting, Mr. Macintosh requested that the PAC consider funding the sexual health presentations provided through Island Sexual Health (cost approx. \$1,200) and some parents raised concerns that this fee should be paid by the school or the district as it is required curriculum while others were supportive of this approach for the various benefits.
- To reconcile these views and secure funding for this year from PAC's Operations budget (fundraised money, not Gaming), Kindree proposed to approach the district and/or board with a suggestion that there should be recognition, financial and otherwise, for equitable access to community-based resources to support sexual health education.
- Following a presentation to the VCPAC in November 2021 by Kindree and Jennifer Gibson, Coordinator of Community Education Services at Island Sexual Health, work has progressed.
- In April, Jennifer and Kindree had a meeting with two district contacts currently working with sexual health and other related health programs in schools to discuss how a sexual health policy might be the best approach to ensuring this equitable access and linking the education to community resources.
- The result of this meeting is that Pam and Jennifer (from the district) are going to start looking at the admin procedures and having some discussions with senior leadership as a first step.
- Further updates will be coming over the next several months.

**Administration Report:**

- Jeni Scott is being transferred to Lansdowne Middle School south campus

- Sarah Alfred is coming here from Torquay Elementary
- Musical is coming along nicely
- Rugby is going well. Two boys' teams and one girls team
- Track and Field happens three days a week after school
- A group of girls are practicing volleyball Tuesday mornings in preparation for playing on the team next year.

Motion to adjourn by Christine, seconded by Serena, passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:48pm.

Next Meeting will be June 7 at 6:30pm in the library. This is a rescheduling of the original date to address many events taking place in the last month of the school year.