# Constitution for Colquitz Middle School Parent Advisory Council

# **NAME**

 The name of this Parent Advisory Council shall be the Colquitz Middle School Parent Advisory Council. Hereafter referred to as the Colquitz PAC.

# **PRINCIPLES**

- The Colquitz PAC is organized under the School Act.
- The Colquitz PAC will operate as a non-profit organization with no personal financial benefit to its members.
- The business of the Colquitz PAC will be unbiased in respect of race, religion, gender, politics, sexual orientation, and physical or mental ability.
- The Colquitz PAC will adhere to accepted Standards and Guidelines on social media forums.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Colquitz PAC is to support, encourage, and improve the quality of education and the well-being of students and to encourage and promote meaningful parent/guardian involvement in the educational experiences of students at Colquitz Middle School.

### **Objectives:**

- 1. To support the education and welfare of students at Colquitz Middle School.
- 2. To encourage parent involvement in Colquitz Middle School.
- 3. To advise the School Board, Colquitz Middle School administration and staff on any matter relating to Colquitz Middle School.
- 4. To communicate with parents/guardians on school and Colquitz PAC related activities.
- 5. To organize and support activities for students and parents.
- 6. To contribute to a sense of community within Colquitz Middle School and between the school and the home.
- 7. To provide opportunities for parent education and a forum for discussion of educational issues
- 8. To assist parents in accessing resources within the educational system.
- 9. To provide a forum for consultation by the administration of Colquitz Middle School.
- 10. To provide a conduit for parents to provide input into decision-making at Colquitz Middle School and School District 61.

- 11. To provide financial support for the goals of the Colquitz PAC, as determined by the voting members of the Colquitz PAC.
- 12. To apply for and administer the Community Gaming Grant.
- 13. To maintain a Gaming Account for the benefit and use of all school groups at Colquitz Middle School and to apply for Gaming Licences on behalf of school groups as required.
- 14. To advise and participate in the activities of the Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils and the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

# **INTERPRETATION OF TERMS**

- "parent" has the same meaning as in the <u>School Act</u> on June 7, 2022 and as it may be amended from time to time. At the time this constitution was drafted parent was defined as meaning:
  - a. the guardian of the person of the student or child,
  - b. the person legally entitled to custody of the student or child, or
  - c. the person who usually has the care and control of the student or child.
- "Parent Advisory Council" or "PAC" means the parents organized according to the *School Act* and operating as a parent advisory council for Colquitz Middle School
- "DPAC" refers to District Parent Advisory Council. Our DPAC is known as the Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils. (VCPAC)