

# Colquitz Middle School – PAC Meeting

## Minutes

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 @ 6:30pm

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

**Attendees:** Sarah Elford, Kindree Draper, Nicole Nyvall, Serena Samra, Kiersten, Christine, Robyn, Carli, Malia

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

### 2. Review and approve September minutes and attached Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve minutes by Malia; seconded by Nicole

### 3. Budget Discussion

- October Budget:
  - Gaming account balance is \$16,723.60
  - General account balance is \$3,249.97
  - Gaming funds for 2022-23 approved and received in the amount of \$10,320
- Gaming Fund Requests
  - Review of Requests for Gaming Funds
  - \$300 approved for after school snack closet
  - Kindree will update each Team Lead with the PAC decision
  - Sarah will follow up with staff on interest for a Pancake Breakfast and Santa's Closet
  - With the addition of the above items, budget is at \$11,156
  - Motion to approve minutes by Carli; seconded by Robyn

### 4. Principal/Administration Report

- October 20: Great BC Shakeout
- October 21: Provincial Professional Development Day; lots of different opportunities for staff
- October 26: Parent-Teacher conferences with early dismissal for students at 1:49pm
- Emma Fenton has joined as a Sustainable Resources Teacher and has connected with Laura-Lynn, the former teacher
- Cross Country, Touch Rugby, Ultimate have completed for the season
- Grade 7/8 basketball underway; Grade 6 intermural basketball discussion in progress
- Remembrance Day assembly being organized and will take place on Nov 10
- October 31: Halloween costume contest will take place; reminder: no weapons or masks/face coverings
- October 17 – November 1: We Scare Hunger food drive

### 5. Items for Discussion:

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| 5.1. Harm Reduction Parent Education event  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 19 @ Spectrum 7pm-8:30pm - Theme: Harm Reduction</li><li>• Open house concept held in the cafeteria and available to students and parents with demonstrations and information tables</li></ul>   |
| 5.2. Change Rooms Update                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Change rooms are currently full of storage items and the process to empty them will begin</li><li>• Proposed completion date suggested (by a parent) for December</li><li>• Temporary option is for students to change in the washroom</li><li>• Will be brought forward at the next staff meeting</li><li>• There is interest from staff change rooms be available and on the flip side, there are some staff who aren't interested</li></ul> |
| 5.3. Communication around Foundation Skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Raised as a result of some parents reaching out to the PAC Chair regarding teachers verbally communicating to students on obtaining parental exemption from writing the FSA tests</li></ul>  |

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| <p>Assessment tests (grade 7's only)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Arbitration document brought forward from 2013 is used to guide school district employers and union locals on the rules for communication of union information through students to parents</li> <li>● Information should be sent home to parents in a sealed envelope after the school district employer has been able to review</li> <li>● Arbitration rules regarding sealed envelope to parents would suggest that it is not appropriate for teachers to discuss the FSAs directly with students</li> <li>● Parents described students feeling isolated for writing tests and expressing pressure to gain exemption from parents</li> <li>● Follow up by teachers to parents on forms missing to exempt their student from writing FSAs was raised by a parent</li> </ul> |
| <p>5.4. VCPAC Report</p>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VCPAC working on increasing the social media</li> <li>● Working on forming committees. Parents will be able to join these and have a voice. These parents don't need to be VCPAC reps. A list of committees will get sent around in the near future</li> <li>● Police Liaison Committee update: They have been meeting for about 1 1/2 years. All meetings stopped at the time that we walked away from the board table. The continuation is dependent on the election results. The committee is almost at the point of making recommendations to the board. Reports and surveys are available in the archives.</li> <li>● Elementary Strings: The last of the strings teaching positions has now been filled so all elementary strings have teachers</li> </ul>             |

**6. Opens**

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| <p>6.1. Art Cards</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Information brought forward and discussed</li> </ul> |
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**7. Next PAC Meeting**

- November 15, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Carli, seconded by Serena, passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm.