

Colquitz Middle School – PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 16, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Attendees: Topher Macintosh, Sarah Elford, Kindree Draper, Serena Samra, Carli, Christine, Whitney, Karen

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Review and approve October minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Christine; seconded by Carli

3. Financial Update

- SD 61 Parent Ed Fund:
 - \$250 awarded for 2022/23 school year
- November Update
 - Gaming account balance is \$16,723.60
 - General account balance is \$2,749.97
 - \$500 cheque from Colquitz to Spectrum to pay for our portion of the Parent Ed joint event
- Confirmation of Gaming Grant for 2022/23 – \$10,320
 - Items in section 5.2 reviewed:
 - Sustainable Resources: \$850 – includes cost of housing and feed
 - Santa's Closet: \$500 – to be reimbursed by item
 - Green Pod Amendment: \$1,500 (increase of \$400) – to account amendment to class number up to 125
 - Motion to approve minutes by Karen; seconded by Serena

4. Principal/Administration Report

- Changeroom update:
 - Work in progress
 - Items moved to kiosk
 - Down to items that need to be removed (cartage)
 - Request and follow-up phone call have been placed; waiting for date confirmation
 - Further discussions to be held with teachers on giving students opportunity to change before P.E.
 - Recognition that some families have challenges in ensuring P.E. clothing for students
- Affordability Fund to alleviate pressure on families for related to food, school supplies, transportation, clothing, etc. At this time, primary purchase is related to food and food hampers. Specific criteria required by Ministry of Education to qualify for funding.
 - Continue to stay in touch with teachers to help determine which families may require assistance
- FSA Communication
 - Follow-up discussion took place to ensure the information relayed this year is not repeated
- November 14th Professional Development Day: wealth of information on proficiency scale
 - Guest speaker on proficiency scale; looking at the curriculum competencies;
 - Two teachers from SD61 guest speakers provided information on the proficiency scale
 - Walk through of presentation on proficiency scale for PAC attendees
 - Feedback will be provided to students and in report cards to help provide more details on where the student is at
- Bernadette French is leaving for George Jay; replacement is in progress
- Drumming
 - Indigenous students interested in drumming have reached to Sarah on getting some sessions in place
 - 4 sessions set up between now and Winter Break for drumming circle

5. Items for Discussion:

5.1. GPEB – PAC Internal Control Information Bulletin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Colquitz is in compliance.
5.2. Gaming Fund Request Follow-ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sustainable Resources – chicken rental <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$850 for chickens, coop, food, woodchips ● Santa’s Closet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$500 submitted ● Green Pod Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$1,100 approved; learned they have more students and have been approved for \$1,500 ● Pancake Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ December 16; call for volunteers will be sent ○ PAC to review past years to determine costs; Admin to advise if any assistance is required

6. Opens

6.1. VCPAC Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion about facilities, including the state of school bathrooms and the cuts to daytime custodians. ● Funding requests to PACs to cover capital expenses. These are items that would have previously been covered by the school. VCPAC claims that school budgets have been cut by about 30% - this is unverified. ● VCPAC president shared a spreadsheet showing the different committees and what roles are vacant, or can be taken over. Shared on the CMS PAC Facebook. ● There is now a Custodian/Facilities Group – VCPAC president requested a working group be formed to discuss the current state of daytime custodian cuts. ● Judicial Review Letter – There has been no reply to date. The time has passed to reverse the decision on the land sale as the minister already approved it and contracts have been signed. Some trustees said they would like to convene a meeting to discuss some of our questions. We are still looking for answers, such as how much money has been spent that should have gone to children’s classrooms. ● The District Budget Advisory committee has now started meeting. Two VCPAC reps are part of it.
6.2. Power Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A soccer ball goes into the power box area through the gap at the bottom. ● The area is a high voltage with an unlocked door and students can go in to the dangerous area to retrieve the ball.

7. Next PAC Meeting

- January 17, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn by Carli, seconded by Serena, passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:32pm.