

Colquitz Middle School – PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 6:30PM

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Attendees: Carrie Schlappner, Sarah Elford, Kindree Draper, Nicole Nyvall, Lisa Gelling, Serena Samra, Karen, Zahya, Esmaeil, Jibrain, Kirsten O, Jenny, Linh, Suranga, Whitney

1. Introductions

2. Principles of Colquitz PAC meetings and guidelines for FaceBook page

3. Review and approve June minutes and Treasurer's Report

- Motion to approve June 6, 2023 minutes by Karen; seconded by Nicole

4. Financial Update for September

- Account balances:
 - Regular: \$2,828.19
 - Gaming: \$4084.79
 - \$661.63 unused from allocations

5. Principal / Admin Report

- Fine Arts programs have started up
- Fall sports have started up: touch rugby, ultimate, cross-country
- Upcoming:
 - Open House taking place on September 21 from 5-7PM
 - Pizza Sales taking place (pre-order)
 - There will be three tables and looking for parent volunteers to help distribute pre-ordered pizza
 - AV install quoted at \$30,000
 - Open House Pizza Sales will be going towards this
 - Looking at breaking up the AV install in phases with the screen being the first phase
 - Community Action exploratory is collecting non-perishable items for the Burnside Gorge Community Centre
 - Pro-D day – more learning on proficiency scales
 - Orange Shirt Day – celebrated on September 29 with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation stat on Monday, October 2
 - Individual picture day is taking place on October 6
 - Tour de Rock is doing a ride by on October 5; please feel free to send
 - Dylan Thomas commissioned by the school to create an art piece. A ceremony is being organized in collaboration with Indigenous community partners for late October/early November.

6. Items for Discussion

- Update on PAC commitment – letter of support for restoring Police Liaison program
 - Example: School Liaison Officer would come in to talk to grade 8 students on social media, etc
 - [Human Rights Commissioner sent a letter](#) to the B.C. School Boards (district employers) to advise that program should be discontinued “unless and until they can demonstrate an evidence-based need for them that cannot be met through other services”. This resulted in a decision from the Victoria and other School Boards to remove the program. [Vancouver's Board has since restored the program.](#)
 - Parent Survey completed in 2021 – have asked for survey results
 - The PAC is working towards a letter of support that was requested by outgoing principal and may include parent input using the FB page survey tool

- Gaming Grant process for 2023/24 school year
 - Examples are: chicken coop, pancake breakfast, grade 8 celebration, gaga ball court
 - Teachers put an submission for field trips or other items
 - Once submissions come in, PAC will review and make a decision
- Multi-School Parent Education Night at Spectrum – early November
 - Can combine with other schools to provide parent events
 - Hoping to have a panel on the impact to students from the pandemic – more information will become available

7. Victoria PAC Report

- Meetings are taking place in a hybrid format
- Police Liaison Officer program discussed
- Surge of racism is being seen in high schools
- Discussion of fees (textbooks, activities, etc.)
 - Families who require support are able to connect directly with the School Administrators for assistance

8. Opens

- Exploratory
 - Different teams which are made of classes
 - Middle schools explanatory programs are based on the number of classes, all the classes will get the opportunity to try all of the Exploratory opportunities
- Enrichment
 - Based on a team decision which is in progress
 - In the past, those students who are not in theatre, had a variety of different activities created by teachers
 - Providing Enrichment opportunities is not a requirement of the teachers, but rather a choice
- Awareness of students and families new to Canada and how to best support them
 - Possible Parent Buddy program to help each other out

9. Next PAC Meeting

- October 17, 2023 @ 6:30PM

Motion to adjourn by Nicole, seconded by Lisa, passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:39PM.