

# Colquitz Middle School – PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 6:30PM

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Meeting called to order at 6:31PM

**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.