

# Colquitz Middle School – PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 @ 6:30PM

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Meeting called to order at 6:33PM

**Attendees:** Carrie Schlappner, Sarah Elford, Kindree Draper, Nicole Nyvall, Serena Samra, Ruth, Karen, Meredith

## 1. Introductions

## 2. Review and approve November minutes

- Motion to approve November 21, 2023 minutes by Karen; seconded by Nicole

## 3. Principal/Admin Report

- New year off to a good start; students are settling back in
- Stay tuned to weather report for snow day tomorrow
- Bottle drive was a success on Saturday; total amount pending from Bottle Depot
- Pizza orders for the month will restart soon – keep an eye on out Next Week At Colquitz (NWAC)
- Upcoming Events:
  - Black Excellence Day – went well and prep and awareness for Black History Month
  - January 25: Twin day!
  - Pro D Day on January 26; staff will attend a workshop on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to provide learning opportunity presented by [Mandart Chan](#)
  - Emergency Kiosk: inventory and updates being made; staggering purchases in this year and some more next year to extend expiries; high calorie food bars and water with five-year expiration dates
  - February:
    - Late French immersion registration week is coming up
    - Week of February 12 transfer process; Programs of Choice info sessions available for those interested
    - Lunar New Year preparation and awareness
    - January 31 & February 14: Island Sexual Health sessions coming up for Grade 8s; Grade 6s later in the year
    - February 16: Pro D day
    - February 19: Family Day Stat Holiday
    - February 23: Curriculum Completion (CC) day
    - February 28: Pink Shirt Day
    - Looking into Subway lunch to take place on Tuesdays; CPAPA popcorn sales to continue for next couple of months

## 4. Financial Update

- General Account: \$2,733.09
- Gaming: \$14,619.04

## 5. Updates and Items:

- Draft letter to SD61 School Board regarding elimination of the police liaison program
  - History and review of SPLO program
  - Discussion of aspects of the letter
  - Attending parents asked for thoughts on supporting the letter; all in favour
- Fundraising for the AV System
  - Bottle drive profits are going to the school and being managed by Admin
  - PAC is in a supporting role and will not hold the budget/money
  - Continue with the phased approach: first the Screen; second, Projector and Sound System
- Feedback regarding Parent Ed panel

- Charities selected by the panelists to receive a donations on their behalf: Pacific Centre for Families and Foundry Victoria
- A parent’s feedback relayed on the event to CMS and Spectrum PAC was discussion on improvements for future events
- Hot Chocolate Event Feedback
  - Big thank you to Scott Doust for donating the hot chocolate
  - Staff and students enjoyed the event – hot chocolate and candy canes happily consumed
  - Ideas for the future:
    - Some adults expressed they felt the sense of “classroom” community was missing as students finished hot chocolate before returning to class
    - Coffee cart style to each class may provide that “classroom” community feeling and allows the time to refill hot water
    - Rent more hot water boilers next time
    - Target audience for the event is students – who seemed to enjoy it
    - Additions of marshmallows, crushed candy canes, etc.
    - Aim to have it completed by nutrition break and have two sets of volunteers
- Dylan Thomas Art Event
  - Event preparation continues
  - Hoping to get video footage shot soon
  - Still aiming for May event
  - Developing learning and materials in advance
  - Looking for sponsorship to support touch screen for legacy video with artist’s telling of the piece

## 6. VCC PAC Update

- President position continues to be vacant
- Continue to look for parents/guardians to attend board meetings as reps
- Review Committee had a list of recommendations the Board needed to fulfil if the SPLO's were removed which has still not been done. In addition, Board Chair Duncan mentioned in September 2023 that the monthly Mental Snapshot that is emailed to all parents is part of filling the gaps since the removal of the SPLO's and it has only been emailed to parents once so far this school year.

## 7. Next PAC Meeting

- February 20, 2023 @ 6:30PM

Motion to adjourn by Kindree, seconded by Serena, passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:36PM