

Colquitz Middle School – PAC Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Meeting called to order at 6:31PM

Attendees: Sarah Elford, Kindree Draper, Nicole Nyvall, Lisa Gelling, Kirsten, Meredith

1. Introductions

2. Review and approve January minutes

- Motion to approve January 16, 2024 minutes by Nicole; seconded by Meredith

3. Principal/Admin Report

- Principal Schlappner recovering from eye injury — hoping back on Friday, February 23
- Upcoming Events:
 - January Pro-D – anti-racism focus; staff attended a workshop on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion learning opportunity presented by Mandart Chan
 - Black History assembly on Wednesday
 - Displays
 - Student speakers
 - Student led Black Canadian music spot light during announcements
 - February:
 - February 16: Pro D day
 - Leadership & Laughter for admin
 - Teacher selection
 - February 23: Curriculum Completion (CC) day 11:45 dismissal
 - February 28: Pink Shirt Day
 - Looking into Subway lunch to take place on Tuesdays; CPAPA popcorn sales to continue for next couple of months
 - Grade 8:
 - March 4 Spectrum course selection presentation / students to take options home to review with parents
 - Programs of Choice already informed and school transfer by end of next week
 - Every Thursday morning in foyer drumming happens – everyone welcome to join in, parents too / Saanich Police invited to join in (not in SPLO role) as community member in schools in support of positive connection with students
 - Still looking for replacement for SPLO services (i.e. gang violence); list provided by SD61, outlines that schools and students are facing new challenges since the removal of SPLOs; rally to show support for SPLO program planned on Monday, February 26 from 4-5PM at the SD61 Board Office on Boleskine Road
 - Caroline – Spring concert March 6th (band, choir); one evening this time
 - Another parent volunteer night for Theatre to be planned – more info coming soon
 - 1 new staff member – coding exploratory

4. Financial Update

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

5. Updates and Items:

- 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
- Hockey Heroes – Tillicum Community Program office in conversation with Carrie asking if there is a Colquitz rep interested in supporting program
- Dylan Thomas Art Event
 - Event preparation continues
 - Hoping to get video footage completed soon as part of developing learning and materials in advance of the event that is aimed for May
 - Looking for financial sponsorship to support touch screen for legacy video with artist's telling about the piece – officially titled The Salmon People
 - Sponsorship letters sent to local post-secondary institutions, banks and credit unions, Canada Post, Royal BC Museum, and to be sent to Peninsula Co-op and an ask to go out on Facebook page to solicity suggestions for community support
 - Spirit wear with the image of the piece and/or art cards as possible fundraiser for the event – Kindree to check back with the artist

6. VCPAC 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.
- Released graphic of how SPLO roles are being filled and by who on the [Parents and Police Together for SD61 & SD62](#) Facebook page
- Two sub-committees at VCPAC - February 28 & March 6, hybrid meetings; “ how to move forward with police and parents & gang violence” / “new SPLO program with modifications”
 - Safety in schools part of the [2024 Throne Speech](#) — *“And as schools increasingly become the target for protests, your government will take similar action to ensure classrooms are not disrupted and kids can feel safe at school.”*
 - Funding a SPLO position an issue across different districts
- Looking for parent reps to attend school board standing meetings
- Ongoing frustration with getting response and action from school board

7. Next PAC Meeting

- No Meeting in March
- April 16, 2024 @ 6:30PM

Motion to adjourn by Kindree, seconded by Nicole, passed. Meeting Adjourned at 7:28PM