

DRAFT - Colquitz Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Carrie Schlappner, Leanne Kopp, Serena Samra, Lisa Gelling, Dan, Elaine

1. Introductions

2. Review and Approve April Meeting Minutes and May Agenda

- Motion to approve February 17, 2026 meeting minutes by Dan; seconded by Elaine
- Motion to approve April 21, 2026 meeting agenda by Leanne seconded by Elaine

3. Principal / Admin Report

- Vice Principal change for 2026-27 School year
 - Sarah Elford, will be moving to Eagle View Elementary
 - Dave Shortreed, current Vice Principal from Central Middle School, will be joining Colquitz
 - Discussion on how to inform Grade 7 and 8 students
- Kids Run: Principal Schlappner has challenged the students in raising money to tape the Principal to the wall. For each toonie donated, a piece of tape will be used to stick Principal Schlappner to the gym wall on May 1 @ 2pm
- Cultural days: celebrating different cultures in the school – if any families have ideas, please connect with the school admin team
- Apr 29: Student led conferences taking place from 2:30-6:30 with dinner from 5:00-5:30; early dismissal day at 1:49pm
- May 1: team photos will take place for those who were missed
- May 5: Red Dress Day
- May 14: District Transition Day – grade 8s will walk up to spectrum; grade 5s will be visiting; School Admin and some staff will be involved in transition time for incoming elementary schools students
- May 25: 10:45am there will be annual ceremony to celebrate the Dylan Thomas carving; with all classes viewing of the video taking place on Apr 20 to help learn and prepare for the celebration
- Update on music program
- Projected to be at 600 students for 2026-27 school year

4. Financial Update

- Account Balances:
 - Gaming: \$8,840.70
 - General Account: \$3,511.46
 - \$1,164 deposited from Sun Oka apple fundraiser
 - Pending: \$900.89 from The Card Project
 - Reminder for staff to submit receipts

5. The Card Project Update

- The Card Project raised \$900.89
- Deposit of funds in progress
- Reimbursement to Nicole for mailing in progress
- Discussion about doing this next year with a possible switch to Christmas

6. Grade 8 Ceremony

- June 19: water slides
- Jun 22: Grade 8 Day – organized by staff with assistance from grade 8 parent volunteers
- Jun 23: decorate and set up
 - Leanne will take the lead
 - Angela is onboard to help with decorations
 - Latex allergy in the building – please use non-latex balloons
 - Platform donated and hoping to be leveraged as students cross
 - If there are some grade 6 and 7 parents who can help, connect with Leanne
- Jun 24: ceremony at 1pm

7. VCPAC

- AGM and elections took place
- Bylaws changed to carry out online voting and acclamation with the group getting together after to determine positions
- Parent Education money was received by the District and is available for use – refer to VCPAC website for information on how to apply

8. AGM: May 19

- AGM and elections will take place on May 19
- Elaine Parker has indicated she is able to step in and help out in an executive Role
- Amie Hardiman has expressed interest, however is unable to attend Tuesday meetings. Suggestion is to move meetings to Monday – raised at meeting with no concerns at this time
- Discussion of positions – responsibilities and involvement
- May 11: slate containing nominations

9. Questions / Comments

9.1 Inquiry from Tillicum PAC regarding fundraising

- Annual Winter Market hosted by Tillicum Elementary School. This year the bake sale didn't take place and was missed by many attendees. Would Colquitz parents be interested in taking on the bake sale piece where funds from the bake sale go to Colquitz – would require Colquitz parents organizing and managing the bake sale table
- Idea to rotate and collaborate on fundraisers with Tillicum, which is a feeder school, and would support both schools. For example, poinsettias sold by Colquitz and open to purchase by Tillicum families, Purdys chocolates or spring plant sale sold by Tillicum and open to purchase by Colquitz families

10. Meeting Adjourned

- Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm; motion to approve by Leanne; seconded by Serena; all in favour
- Next Meeting: AGM May 19 @ 6:30pm