

## **Collettsville PAC Meeting**

### **Minutes**

**February 27th, 2023**

**Collettsville School Library Meeting Location @ 6:00pm**

**Attendees: Nicole Schulte, Rene Aubin, Heather Yastremsky, Sheri Bishop, Bailee Tesan, Lena Coutu, Gurpreet Chahal, Hailey Agar, Madison Holmes**

1. Call to Order @ 1800hrs

2. Approval of the minutes from January 16th, 2022: by consensus

3. New Business

a) DPAC update - Madison Holmes, president- DPAC is a “hub” for all the schools in the district. Ex: larger voice for parents, they receive a gaming grant as well that can be utilized by all schools. DPAC members should be included in decisions at the board level. They also have membership at the provincial level. Meetings are every 2 months. DPAC would ideally like to have parents/PAC members from each PAC present. Nicole expresses interest to attend; Bailee expressed interest also. Madison to keep our PAC posted to when the next DPAC meeting is.

b) Sexual Health Education- discussion around implementing a program (Saleema Noon); district wide dollars for this; Madison suggests putting together a proposal and to speak with all PAC’s in the district. Nicole will put together more information/ proposal to bring forward to DPAC and Madison will look at moving this forward with other PAC’s. Rene is also expressing interest in the implementation of this program or something similar. Our PAC has been discussing this along with Mental Health education/programming for quite some time. Rene states he is “tired of talking about it, it’s time to start doing something”.

<https://www.saleemanoon.com/workshops/body-science-at-school/>

Concerns brought forth by Bailee regarding several incidents that her daughter has had with other students on the playground, during school time. Hailey indicates similar concerns. Discussion surrounding disciplinary process and how, if at all, is this being communicated back to the parents. School District policies are in place with this. (SD policies are currently being reviewed.) Rene indicates that incidences are dealt with on a student-by-student basis and are moved along progressively.

c) Policy for dealing with complaints: School District Policies are in place for parental/guardian concerns. There are also policies in place for escalating concerns. They are available at the SD website. (Policies are being reviewed this year.)

- d) Grade 7 hoodies: Request made to have the school take on organizing and ordering of hoodies for grade 7 students. Rene does not want to add to Heather O's workload. Rene will support with communication at the beginning of the grade 7 school year (and or end of grade 6 year) so that the parents are aware that this is something they will need to take on should they wish to.
- e) School agendas: Sheri states that other schools have this paid for and is wondering if there is something similar can be done for ours. The choice to use school agenda's is teacher dependent. Rene indicates that he will speak with teachers (particularly intermediate level grade 5,6 and 7) are onboard with having agenda's whether they are using them, who should pay for them etc.

#### 4. Old Business

##### a) Fundraiser Updates:

Growing Smiles- will go out in April with delivery date for mid May (prior to Mother's Day)

Soul Knots- sometime in April

Timber Ridge Meats- Heather to reach out to them regarding logistics (? Offer limited packages/amounts; what is the turn around-?6 weeks, etc)

Epicure- try to have it coincide with Timber Ridge

Art Cards- Heather has sent this into Rene to propose to staff. (General type opposed to specific holiday type cards options). ?Rene to follow up with staff at March meeting.

b) Movie Night- Earned \$590 in tickets and grade 7's made \$214 in fundraising dollars for their trip.

**\*\*Next Movie night:** request from Nicole to have a staff individual present as an altercation happened between Nicole and a student and then that student's parent. Children's behavior was being policed by parents and that shouldn't be the case. There needs to be an administrator or teacher present for school movie nights. Heather indicates she will reach out to Rene with this issue particularly.

#### 5. Reports

a) Trustee- Regrets sent by John Chenowith

b) Financial- Report sent by email: Gaming account \$8151.19; General account \$8036.50

c) Principal- moving lunch and pizza orders to online; stay tuned. New hire 2 days/week. Her role is to supply learning assistance support of the 'grey area' students based on some

additional funding for French Immersion. Regarding some of the conversation from earlier (parent specific concerns pertaining to student behavior and incidences that are being reported back home from students), Rene has expressed that he would like to ensure that all parents that may have any concerns reach out to him directly. Again, refer to the school district policies.

<https://www.sd58.bc.ca/about/school-district-policies/>

*\*\*Nicole is reminding parents that they may attend any school district board meeting. They are once/month in alternating communities (between Merritt and Princeton). Dates are listed on SD 58 website.*

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

April 17th, 2023 @ 6pm

May 29th, 2023 @ 6pm