

Collettsville PAC Meeting

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April 17th, 2023

Collettsville School Library Meeting Location @ 6:00pm

Attendees: Rene Aubin, Nicole Schulte, Heather Yastremski, Angela Russell, Hailey Bouchard/Agar, Stacey Hebner

1. Call to Order: 18:02
2. Approval of the minutes from February 27th, 2023: by consensus
3. New Business
 - a) Growing Smiles: orders due April 21, delivery May 11. Need one or two parent helpers. Nate Russell, Angela Russell and Heather Yastremski can assist.
 - b) Soul Knots fundraisers: Megan sent info to Heather today. Heather asking Megan about turnaround (2-4 weeks after orders received)
 - c) Students leaving: Parents in attendance looking for some answers to the rumors that have gone around regarding students leaving and why (students who are bullying others, concerns regarding teaching, etc); Rene indicates there have been minimal number of students who have left since Jan 2023; relatively speaking the number (those looking to start and those looking to leave CV) is somewhat evened out. Rene would like to focus on some good news, to start showing some positive light to CV in the local media (ex. Photo of grade 7's accepting donation cheque for Quebec trip).

Sexual Health: Supporting Student Health Guide (Guide for classroom teachers and their health education). There have been some changes/addition/focus on these topics. Rene has spoken with the teachers and they have determined they would like to have a sexual health professional (? Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators) come into the school (by end of school year) to assist/support the learning/ teaching in the curriculum.
 - d) Communication from the school with parents: discussion surrounding better communication. Particularly, parents have expressed concern about the late communication for the district science fair (the day before). Rene indicates that he has implemented a system for himself that sets reminders for the upcoming years to not repeat the same communication delays, etc.
 - e) School Garden: teacher garden meeting tomorrow (April 18); looking forward to updates.

f) Field and Irrigation: Capital project listed for the school district (2023/2024 school year) is CV soccer/school yard and irrigation. Ideas from parents about re-purposing the area between the school playground and outdoor classroom. ?Gaga Ball Pit?

g) BCCPAC Spring Conference: May 5-7, 2023. Funding available if anyone wants it.

4. Old Business

a) Grade 7 Quebec Trip: June 6-10, 2023. Lots of fundraising and donations (\$5000 from 3 different local organizations: TNRD, Elks and Rotary); more fundraisers planned. Some funding from the "French Speaking Grant" (\$700/student).

: moving forward- looking to have a reminder earlier in the year for subsequent grades (June is recommended). PAC initiative and principal to look at speaking with parents from the following year. Marie Noel Desy (previous staff at CV) reached out to Rene and said she works with Explorica and has agreed to be the liaison/planner for next years' group.

b) Grade 7 hoodies: PAC should take this on. This should be initiated in September so that the students can wear their stuff throughout the year.

c) Mental Health Education Update? (René): *From above*: Sexual Health: Supporting Student Health Guide (Guide for classroom teachers and their health education). There have been some changes/addition/focus on these topics. Rene has spoken with the teachers and they have determined they would like to have a sexual health professional (?Saleema Noon Sexual Health Educators) come into the school (by end of school year).

Parent Engagement Sessions (April- June): Initially set up

Stacy Hebbner is asking whether any of the programs that she has looked into and forwarded to Rene have been looked at. Rene indicates that he has been directed to look at other, similar sessions (ex. Open Parachute, etc)

5. Reports

a) Trustee: Regrets

b) Financial: Gaming account- \$ 8133.69 Operating Account- \$8145.57 March Movie night earned \$207.62 (Grade 7's bake sale at movie night: March \$144.40; April \$106.75)

Annual reports complete; Gaming grants to be applied for in May 2023.

b) Principal: In addition to the above, calendars for rest of April, May and June are filling up! Track and Field is May 18, 2023. District June 2; Location TBA. Heather Ouimet to send out a

weekly “upcoming” email re events. Communication: Rene and other staff (Heather) have living documents to enable improved communication to parents moving forward.

French Advisory Committee: SD 58 has tasked Rene Aubin and Nicole MacKay-Smith with initiating this. Information session for parents coming up (April 26 @6pm).

Hiring- looking to fill two positions next year. (Open postings for 2 elementary school teachers with the intention to move them where they may fit best which may then impact current teachers and their roles, etc).

6. Next meeting(s)

Last meeting of the school year: May 29th, 2023 @ 6pm