

## Collettsville PAC AGM Meeting

### Minutes

September 26th, 2022

Virtual Meeting: 6:30pm

**Attendees: Rene Aubin, John Chenowith, Heather Yastremsky, Angela Russell, Nicole Schulte, Jenny Stirling, Sheri Bishop, Gurpreet Chahal, Danielle Martens**

1. Call to Order @ 1838

2. Approval of the minutes from May 16th, 2022 Motioned by Heather, seconded by Nicole

3. New Business

a) Election of Officers:

- Chair- Heather Yastremsky, by acclamation, accepted by Heather
- Vice Chair – Nominated by Heather, seconded by Danielle Martens. Sheri Bishop (reluctantly) accepts 😊
- Secretary - Heather votes for Nicole, seconded by Angela; accepted by Nicole
- Treasurer – Heather votes for Angela, Nicole seconded; Accepted by Angela

b) 2021-2022 School Year Recap: No concerns

c) 2021-2022 Grade 7 Orientation to High School: Nicole raised some concerns regarding why the grade 7 students did not get their high school orientation. Rene indicates that there was a scheduling conflict and that is why this did not happen. Rene has mentioned that he has arranged this ahead of time so that it can be avoided and the current grade 7 students will have a high school orientation prior to their grade 8 year.

d) Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA): French Assessments for francophone students. Rene is sending out some communications to all parents regarding regular assessments that are being had, identifying what are 'in house', district wide or provincial assessments. (These assess some of the following: Literacy, language, vocabulary.) These provide benchmarks for where children should be at depending on which grade they are at. The question always raised is whether they are reflective of what our French immersion students should be at etc. These results are taken to guide where supports may be required. John's input is that there is a large amount of pressure from the BCTF to stop these provincial assessments. First Nations Ed have indicated that they do not want these to be stopped. Jenny has expressed some concern as to whether or not the assessments are mandatory, asking to have clarity on whether the parents will be informed as to when these assessments are occurring so that the option to opt out is available. John indicates he will follow up on this.

BCADM Deputy is having a meeting tomorrow and will have an answer tomorrow about this. Actionable item: John will follow up- reached out to BCSTA to obtain some answers regarding this and will get back to us. Rene is going to send out information to parents regarding what assessments are done with timelines for completion.

- e) Sports for 2022/2023 Year: No restrictions expected this year on all school sports. Question was asked whether there is a need for coaches. Rene indicates that Nicole MacKay-Smith has a good handle on whether she needs coaches, etc. John “knows a Maori guy” who is willing to help with rugby...stay tuned.
- f) Year in Planning for PAC (Fundraising, Field Trips, Quebec Trip, etc.): Goal is for the grade 7's to go to Quebec again as well as to the combined grade 7 Eagle Bay trip. Rene is shopping around for good prices and trip options for Quebec.
- g) Garden: Merrill Livesey looking for some donation monies for the garden and supplies. Requesting up to approx 200\$ for supplies (hoses and soil amenders). Motion from Nicole to donate \$200 and seconded by Heather. No opposition; same approved. Nicole will clarify how Merrill would like monies to be appointed, Nicole to clarify.

#### 4. Old Business

- a) DPAC Updates

#### 5. Reports

a) Trustee: What a year last year was!! Focus for all schools is to look at what kind of learning loss happened due to last year's evacuation and how can this be remedied. Communication is the topic at the district; what is the best way with teachers, parents, all stakeholders. Strongstart is a big topic of conversation at all schools in the district. This week is Truth and Reconciliation week so there should be some activities regarding this.

b) Financial: Nothing new going on. Operating account: \$5573.58, Gaming Account: \$5034.94. August the BBCPAC membership was paid. Gaming grant was applied for end of May. Should find out in October whether this will be approved and when to expect monies from this.

c) Principal: Open House last week was very well attended. Rene thinks every family came! There is a whole “new” group of families at the school over the past few years that have not really been able to attend school events so the “opening up” of the school has been a great thing for building community. Rene has a few goals: increased communication with parents- weekly updates. Review on Truth and Reconciliation as this week leads to the date. Rene indicates that there are activities all week leading to this- activities about the effects of residential schools; walk planned for some of the students in Lower Nicola as part of the “greater communities”. FSA, school wide write, various other assessments upcoming in the next several weeks. Gardens: Merrill Livesey has taken on the gardens as well as the social emotional

piece as well as the community and cultural piece. Lara Sigurdson is in charge of literacy and numeracy. All of this is in keeping with school goals, whether the goals are being kept as or updating new ones etc. Next PAC meeting, Merrill wants to attend and would like some input regarding reviewing previous school goals and setting some new school goals. She would like us to set aside approx. 20 mins for this at the next PAC meeting. School Photos: looking at a new provider from last year- finalizing dates; New provider is Mountain West.

Currently there are 2 vacant positions at the school; English teacher (grade 3-7) and grade ¾ position was previously filled and as of today is no longer filled. Currently, Mme Wilcox is doing the English teaching until she can get into Kamloops. Grade ¾ is being supported with TOC supplemented with extra supports in smaller groups for French language/competency.

Changes at the board. Jameel Aziz is no longer in his position as district vice superintendent; Jane Kempston has taken his place. Misty Sheldon has taken role of director of instruction of inclusive education and Dannie Bennie is district vice principal of early learning.

6. Next meeting(s) TBD