

Collettsville PAC Meeting

Minutes

November 21st 2022

Collettsville School Library Meeting Location @ 6:00pm

Attendees: Nicole Schulte, Heather Yastremsky, Lena Coutu, Stacey Hebner, Rene Aubin.

1. Call to Order: 1808

2. Approval of the minutes from October 24th, 2022: Approval by consensus.

3. New Business

a) Harambee / Gift Exchange Extravaganza (date & cause to donate to): This year, we can donate cash (amount depends on funds raised at Harambee sale) to the Food Bank in conjunction with the school's hampers.

-Donations accepted December 1 (Winter Concert Day). Will need parent volunteers to help organize donation items. Lena will help; may need 1 or 2 more parents. Rene will put a call out for parent volunteers. Tentatively have the sale Wednesday December 7, need parent volunteers for evening of December 6th, from 4:30 onward.

b) MacVicar & Steeped Tea Fundraisers: Steeped Tea- new online platform to submit orders directly. On hold as Heather is waiting on communications from the company. MacVicars: Deadline to order is November 25. Delivery week of Dec 12.

c) Movie Night (date & choice of movie): Students were polled today. December 15@ 5:45. Will have to see whether we need popcorn, paper bags and oil.

d) Mental Health in the Schools: Stacey is a child and youth mental health worker and has asked what kinds of tools/ resources are put into place for the students. District has secured a mental health grant with a tight deadline on how to spend these dollars. Rene has put together a broad plan on how to spend these dollars and is looking forward to meeting with staff to determine where to spend some of these funds. This would include training for the staff as well as some programming. Rene has indicated that he is newly connected with a French Immersion group whose purpose is to resource share. Stacey will look into some programs...

4. Old Business

a) Growing Smiles: Delivery November 25. Heather and Lena to attend in the AM along with Nate (Russell). Will need a cheque written for the delivery driver.

b) Spirit Wear: Ordered. ? 2 week turnaround

c) Posting of PAC meeting minutes: School website has been updated! Moving forward, all the meeting minutes will be posted to the Collettsville School website.

5. Reports

a) Trustee: Regrets. John not in attendance.

b) Financial: Gaming Account \$ 8177.44. Operating Account: \$ 5261.08.

c) Principal: Rene has access to the school website!

Looking at skiing again this winter season but want to see better numbers. May be possible to access grants funds to assist with costs.

Another grant that was made available for our school (to be spent by June) on some additional resources and staff training to focus on retention in French Immersion and to upgrade teachers' French Schools. These are federal dollars- \$36000!.

There remain 2 unfilled positions; one position has been filled with an uncertified teacher who speaks French. The one remaining position is for the English teacher. Rene has been tasked with being a "recruiter" for French Immersion teachers in Merritt. Nicole McKay Smith is the French coordinator for both primary and secondary.

Carnavale- last week or January or first week of February.

PJ's for a Cause- between Red Cross or Samaritan's Purse. December will be the Food Bank.

Winter Concert- December 1 @ 1:15pm. This will be at CV school gym.

Not sure at this point whether the grade 7 trip to Quebec will happen this year....

6. Next meeting(s)

December 12th @ 6:00pm (Collettsville School Library)