

## Collettsville PAC Meeting

### AGENDA

October 24th, 2022

Collettsville School Library Meeting Location @ 6:30pm

**Attendees:** Lena Coutu, Nicole Schulte, Angela Russell, Heather Yastremsky, Merrill Livesey, Rene Aubin (zoom)

1. Call to Order @ 1837.

2. Approval of the minutes from September 26th, 2022 By consensus.

3. New Business

a) School Goals - Merrill Livesey and Rene are reviewing the school goals to see which ones are pertinent, which targets are being hit and which ones perhaps need to be revisited.

Goal 1: Improve Student achievement in numeracy and literacy: many school wide initiatives in literacy and not as much in math. District wide assessment committee who will be looking into numeracy.

Goal 2: Increase the ability of our students to be in control of their emotions when presented with challenges both academically and emotionally. Focus to work on common language for all ages in French. Currently use Play is the Way but it doesn't seem to have the 'traction' with our school teachers here. Looking at something that may be a little "more simple" to be able to implement, particularly in language.

Goal 3: To increase the students' understanding of First Nations Culture. This is being done very well, especially due to the presence of the First Nations support worker, Dawn.

b) Spirit Wear: This has been handed over to the school admin, Heather Ouimet. No longer a PAC thing.

c) Fundraiser Letter & Choice of upcoming fundraisers: letter to go out to parents about the amount of fundraisers that come up just before Christmas to ensure that they know they are all optional.

- Growing Smiles: Scheduled for delivery mid Nov. Forms going to the school November 1.
- Movie Nights: Heather and Lena to organize and grade 7's to run a concession/bake sale as fundraiser for grade 7 trip. Ideally we'll have 2 movies throughout the school year – one in autumn and one in late Winter/early Spring.

- Harambee funds: repurpose the funds to something local- this will be discussed at next meeting.
- Art Cards: bring this to the teachers to see if they want to do this- Heather to email Heather Ouimet to see whether the classes/schools want to take this on. (This may be a good spring fundraiser.)
- Soul Knots – Heather will look into this and get back to us.
- Steeped Tea – Heather to look into this and get back to us.
- MacVicar Farms – Ange will speak with Shealynn about this and get back to us.
- Epicure – we may do this in the spring.

d) Posting meeting minutes for public: Rene is looking to gain access to the school website to be able to post minutes there. Waiting for next admin meeting (mid November) and Rene will get back to us on this. In the meantime, Nicole will speak with Chelsea Werrun (via email) re uploading a file to the Facebook PAC page.

e) Winter Concert: December 1, 2022. (This date is picked by the district as the stage and equipment all have to be shared.) Perhaps we tie this in with “Winter Bazaar” (formerly known as Harambee) for donations to be accepted. Will plan Winter Bazaar for December 8, 2022.

#### 4. Old Business

a) DPAC Updates: no updates at this time: no representative for DPAC.

#### 5. Reports

a) Trustee: John is away. Update next meeting.

b) Financial: Gaming account: \$8186.19 (including the gaming grant) Operating account: \$ 4764.80.

c) Principal: Winter concert December 1, 2022. (see above.)

-District received some funding as follow up support from flooding. It has been labelled as universal funding and more targeted funding pieces. Funding is assigned based on school population and RSI (Relative Strength) index (social, socio-economic status). Our school was allotted approx. \$12000 for Universal and Targeted food support. Principal round table discussion brainstorming had a few ideas: have fruits and veg around for all students, supplementing hot lunch, giving a free meal to all students, etc. There will be a letter coming from the district on funding and what it is intended for. Targeted funding for food as well as clothing and for fees and school supplies. (The school has been provided an assessment tool to help identify targeted family needs to help decide which families may benefit from more direct funding/assistance.) There will be an opportunity for parent/PAC feedback on this, following an upcoming admin meeting.

-Survey went out last year to parents. Communication seems to be the number one focus that parents want improvement on. District will be looking at how they can communicate better as well; more to come from the SD.

-Report Cards November 18; early dismissal November 22, 23.

-Rene communicated with grades 4 and 7 students' families re FSA's.

-Sports are back at it! Cross country season just ended, triple ball is starting, basketball after 'winter break'.

#### 6. Next meeting(s)

November 14, 2022 @ 6:00pm

December 12, 2022 @ 6:00pm

January 16, 2023 @ 6:00pm