

## Collettsville PAC Meeting

### Minutes

September 26, 2023

Collettsville School Library Meeting Location @ 6:00pm

**Attendees:** Heather Yastremski, Angela Russell, John Chenowith, Kim Parker, Hailey Agar, Yvette Baxter, Kevin Baxter, Nick Kzanoski, Renee Bauwens, Annika Fuchs, Sheri Bishop, Gurpreet Chahal

1. Call to Order: 1802hrs

2. Approval of the minutes from May 29, 2023: approved by consensus

3. New Business

a) Election of Officers

\*Chair: Heather nominated by Nicole and seconded by Sheri. No opposition. Heather Yastremski re-elected by acclamation

\*Vice Chair: Blake Chursinoff nominated by Heather and seconded by Sheri. No opposition. Elected by acclamation (and hope he accepts!). (Blake told Heather prior to tonight's meeting that he would be willing to step in wherever needed.)

\*Secretary: Nicole nominated by Heather and seconded by Sheri. No opposition. Nicole Schulte e-elected by acclamation

\*Treasurer: Angela nominated by Sheri and seconded by Heather. No opposition. Angela Russell re-elected by acclamation

b) 2022-2023 School Year Recap:

Saleema Noon: discussion around 'bring forward' discussions from last year; Update provided to Kim re what has been done with this to date. **ACTION:** Kim will speak to teachers about the general feeling of this and how it went last year etc. Kim will also speak to district around this to see about funding/ interest from other schools.

French Ambassador: Mathilde (CV 4 days per week and high school 1 day per week); staying with Nick Kzanoski and family- he mentions if there is anyone doing anything specifically Merritt and/or social, please think of inviting her. She is here through the French Embassy.

c) Sports for 2023-2024: volleyball and triple ball happening; handball and basketball happening soon; may be looking for coaching. Cross Country (Nicole McKay-Smith) and volleyball (Merritt Livesey and Kim Parker).

d) Year in Planning for PAC (Fundraising, Field Trips, outdoor classroom/garden/field...)

Field/outdoor area: ongoing issues with drainage and ice in the winter, increasing hazard for students and adults alike; **ACTION:** Kim to look into this at the district level- what has been discussed re repair and or what can be done moving forward.

Fundraisers: many are done prior to holiday break; **ACTION:** Heather will put together a list of what are typically done and when and have them out via email to see who wants to do what.

Spirit Wear: school is managing this moving forward; Heather Ouimet and Kim Parker have looked into this with some options for this.

e) Grade 7 Planning:

-hoodies: Kim and Heather (Ouimet) are looking into hoodies sooner than later, alongside the spirit wear. Goal is to have hoodies ready for those students so they can wear them throughout the year.

-Quebec Trip: Yvette Baxter is wanting to speak with all grade 7 parents etc who are looking to have their students attend Quebec trip in February (hopefully). She has requested contact info for all grade 7 parents to initiate trip planning (fundraising, etc); as well, she is awaiting further direction or “green light” from the district re Quebec trip for February 2024. **ACTION:** Kim will ask more about this at the October 12 French Advisory Committee meeting. (see below re this committee.)

-Committee: see above notes.

#### 4. Old Business

a) DPAC update: currently there is no DPAC. **ACTION:** Heather will reach out to Madison and see where this was left. Will also try to get contacts to other PACs; some discussion around facilitating collaborative PAC meeting with all PACs together.

b) “French Advisory Committee”- comprised of Kim Parker, Adrienne Moulard and Nicole MacKay Smith. First meeting is October 12, 2023. Kim is going to clarify this as to whether this is a committee specifically formed to manage the funds that were applied for and brought in last year or if this is the French Advisory Committee that was recommended at the district board meeting last year. **ACTION:** Kim is going to look for clarification on this and report back prior to October 12 meeting.

#### 5. Reports

a) Trustee:

-Trustees have had only 1 meeting at this time. 2<sup>nd</sup> full year since Covid. Still transitioning but returning to normal. They've been re-assured that schools will not close as they did in the past. Results from programs that were provided (summer fun camps, etc) will start to be evaluated and the district will look at addressing any outstanding issues with learning.

-worked through the first phase of inequity scan and the survey shows that racism still exists in schools.

-transitions- K-12 to post secondary- ~70% in province for transition to post secondary (up from bottom ~15% a few years ago);

-Accessibility Act- to be implemented this year. All schools need to be accessible (physical, emotional, etc). CV school playground does not appear to be "accessible". **ACTION:** Kim and John Chenoweth to look into this.

-Feeding Futures Fund- a fund came forward during covid to help with feeding children; decision was made to continue this fund however there are still some uncertainty around how to ensure this is being distributed fairly and equitably.

b) Financial: Gaming Account: \$8089.94; Operating Account: \$8607.03 Gaming Grant has been applied for; we are awaiting the funds to be received. Our PAC will need to discuss how we want to spend this money and/or what to spend it on.

c) Principal: Fresh Start 😊

- Spirit Wear to be finalized this week

- Mathilde is on site. She is the French Ambassador (funded through French Embassy to help support French Immersion and second language).

- Continue to build community; BBQ was well attended.

- Winter Concert is already Scheduled for December 21 as the stage needs to be reserved from the district.

- Kim is looking to update the website as well as newsletters etc.

- All teacher positions have been filled and looking to fill the First Nations Support Worker in the next few weeks.

- counselling: Lynn Dixon is currently filling in for K-12 and there is still a posting up for this.

6. Next meeting(s)

- October 26 @ 1830hrs (CV Library)

- November 23 @ 1830hrs (CV Library)

Meeting adjourned at 1940hrs.