

Collettsville PAC Meeting Minutes

October 26th, 2023

Collettsville School Library Meeting Location @ 6:30pm

Attendees: Nicole Schulte, Angela Russell, Heather Yastremski, Sheri Bishop, Yvette Baxter, Kevin Baxter, Sarah Desrosiers, Jory Berthelet, Kim Parker, John Chenowith, Lena Coutu, Stacey Hebner, Blake Chursinoff (via phone.)

1. Call to Order @ 1831hrs

2. Approval of the minutes from September 26th, 2023: by concensus

3. New Business

a) French Advisory Committee: Minutes have been sent out to PAC members via email; also attached to CV school website.

b) Literacy Merritt (Come Read with Me): Wednesday, January 24 @ 1300hrs. Request for \$250 for funds towards preparing materials for Literacy Merritt. Heather proposes request for funding (\$250), Angela seconded; approved.

c) Neufeld Farms Fundraiser: See Grade 7 trip info.

d) Movie Night: November 16 (Thursday) @ 5:00 doors open, movie starts at 5:30. Heather will look at sending students to vote on Elemental or Super Mario Brothers.

e) Fundraisers

Growing Smiles: Delivery date November 23; Orders due in November 9; Website is now live and paper order forms will go out November 1.

MacVicars: mid November- end of November for ordering with delivery the week before Christmas; Angela will get more information on this.

Soul Knots: plan to have this as Mothers day fundraiser in Spring 2024.

Heather is going to look into Steeped Tea, Timber Ridge Farms and Epicure for later dates.

Art Cards: this is a staff led fundraiser; Jory to look into this with the art teacher to gauge interest.

Harambee: Done in December close to the winter concert (December 21)

4. Old Business

a) Grade 7 Trip: Kim and grade 7 teacher Mme T have initiated some fundraising (so far Neufeld Farms and Purdy's). SD has just received proposal for February 8-12 with Bon Vivant.

CV school does not want to take on Pizza day fundraisers but will allow for parents and students from the grade 7 class to spearhead this. It appears that there will also be \$600/child from grant dollars to be utilized towards this trip. Decision was made at the French Advisory Committee meeting that the request is that no parent chaperones attend as there is such a small group of students. They will however need a male chaperone to go along with Mme Tancowny and Mme Parker.

b) DPAC Update: All PAC chairs to meet November 20 to discuss DPAC, as organized by Jane Kempston.

5. Reports

a) Trustee: French Update at last board meeting- looked at ways to promote FI “much more broadly” including at early years as well as some co-teaching and mentoring opportunities

Feeding Futures funds: looking to access these dollars yearly. CV has received \$10000 and these monies are being allocated to families that have indicated a need to assist with hot lunch and there is fruit and snacks available for all students in the school.

All Trustees from Okanogan- Similkameen attended here in Merritt a few weekends ago. Discussion around Emergencies (Fire, Flooding, etc) and what impacts this has on school communities.

b) Financial: General/ Operating \$8525.51; Gaming Account \$8006.19. Still waiting for grant dollars.

c) Principal: Spirit Wear is out as are the grade 7 hoodies. Ask is to assist with funding towards the grade 7 hoodies. Heather proposes \$20/student x 9 hoodies = \$180. PAC executive will wait for final number to vote and approve request for funding. (This can be done via email.)

See attached link for detailed Principal’s report.

[Principal's report October 2023.pdf](#)

6. Next meeting - November 23rd, 2023 6:30pm, school library.