

Columneetza PAC Minutes – September 24, 2024

Called to Order: 5:40pm

Welcome and Introductions: Don Firth welcomed everyone. Looking forward to a great year. Introductions were made as a decent number of parents came out, which we like to see and hope to see continued in meetings to come.

Present: Don, Barbara, Melanie, Hattie, Wenona, Jesse, Morgan, Fatima, Kristy, Melissa, George, Laila

Review/Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: First PAC Meeting of the year!

Correspondence: just SPAM email currently

Treasurer's Report:

- Gaming account: \$28219.33
- Business account: \$5155.49
- This year we are separating that PAC'S; we now have to have two separate gaming accounts. At the time when we applied for the grant, it was unsure if we were separating the PAC's so when we applied for a grant it was under one gaming account. For the year, we will have to allocate the money between the schools fairly and next year the school's will have their own accounts.
- The two accounts are broken down on how Melanie organizes how we agreed to spend the money and how the two accounts work.
- We discussed how the previous year we fundraised mainly for the bursaries but now that the schools are being separated, what we can fundraise for in regard to Columneetza
- Money that was fundraised previously for bursaries, we agreed should be allotted to Lake City Secondary's part of the account as that was the intended purpose of gaining that money motioned: Melissa seconded: Morgan, passed.
- Vote to still fundraise motioned by Morgan, seconded by Melissa, passed.
- Business account for Columneetza \$1000 rest of the money transferred to Lake City Secondary School
- BCC PAC enrollment fee: Sept 1-Aug 31 \$75-\$100, BCC PAC is basically a tool we can utilize to become a better PAC and gives us more knowledge and assistance regarding PAC, motioned by Laila, seconded by Melissa, passed.

Principal Report- Columneetza:

- Started the year with the basic assemblies, discussed CSS being a closed campus, also did some code of conduct trivia.
- Terry Fox run
- Indigenous Role models were discussed.
- Recycling, compost, and food programs were discussed with the kids
- For safety we discussed which doors are going to be open to the building and when

- We have 10 supervisors to help with the school
- What resources the kids can access, foundry, counselling, etc.
- Be more than a bystander, and how to do it
- The new digital devices policies were discussed
- Scheduled lock down for Oct 9
- Wellness fair upcoming
- Oct 11 - Science world
- Last week of October: Ian Tyson (mental wellness presenter) coming to talking about mental wellness, high school life, positive vibes
- We did a week of TRC, where we honoured Truth and Reconciliation, where every morning we started with our Truth at 9:45, to give out more information to understand, medicine ties at lunch, smudging, etc.
- Powwow is to be hosted again this year, about 1500 people came by last year. It costed about \$15000 to put on, supported by FNCC.
- French Immersion, working to have a full French presentation by a Metis group.
- Field trips, any parents who want to join in as a volunteer, just need to do a criminal record check, ICBC driving record, and volunteer paperwork completed.
- Cafeteria update: it's not quite open, just waiting to finalize the kitchen.
- The plan for French Immersion is to offer more elective and core classes.
- Helping teacher building block at the secondary level, to help with the new teacher coming in
- Ms. Walkinson is doing the Murel this year, through the GSA
- Teaching Vacancy- Chilcotin Teacher, Core French/English, 2 EA positions

Canadian Parents for French Report: No report at this time as we just got a representative at this meeting for this position.

DPAC Report: No report at this time as we just got a representative at this meeting for this position.

Dry Grad: meeting date February 8, March 5th at 7pm WL

Old Business: none at this time

New Business:

- Voted for chairs
- PAC PRESIDENT: Don will be continuing on
- VICE: open still (vacant)
- Treasurer: Melanie will continue on
- Secretary: Barbara will continue on
- DPAC: open still (vacant)
- Fundraising Spear Head: Melissa, supported by Morgan.

- Voted for DPAC to be assisted for transportation funds to go to and from meetings motioned by Laila, seconded by Kristy, passed.
- Will WL have a site like at CSS.
- Is a separate email needed for CSS, and LSS PAC minutes?

End of Meeting: 7:02 motioned Morgan, seconded by Melanie.

2024/2025 MEETINGS

All meetings start at 5:30 PM

Next meeting will be October 21st, it will be our Budget Meeting, please come out as we need Parents to vote for where the money is being spent. It will be a long meeting as budget meetings tend to be 2 hrs.