

COLUMNEETZA PAC MINUTES

January 14, 2025

Called to Order: 5:30 pm

Welcome and Introductions: Don Firth welcomed everyone.

Present: 10 present

Review/Approve Previous Meeting Minutes: minutes reviewed

Correspondence: No email

Treasurer's Report:

- Business account \$1000
- Gaming account as of Nov 14th- \$18134.67, voted on \$9800 for the fall, nothing claimed yet.
- Spring is left with \$8334.67 to give out for the budget meeting in February, if we give all of it we still have \$560 in the account left.

Principal Report Columneetza:

- Enrollment = 711
- Thomas-Dueck Powwow is on Jan. 31st from 9am-2:30 in the Columneetza Gym, Community welcome
- Jan. 31st = last day of semester for Gr. 8 & 9, Language Courses end for all Grade 7s
- Safer Schools Digital Device Presentation – Gr. 7s are completing with homeroom teachers, Gr. 8s are completing the modules this week with me in the Café
- Safer School Student Module on Consent will be offered to all Grades in late Jan/early Feb in their classrooms
- Vape Detectors are being installed in all student washrooms, they are supposed to detect vapour smoke as well as proximity (people in the washroom lingering)
- Hot Lunch from McDonalds – parents did not want this option

Addressed the Nov. 18 - Parent Meeting Feedback:

- 1) Conflict resolution: have offered workshops for students on relationships with peers, stress, sleep, cannabis, vaping/smoking, and harm reduction; offering restorative justice with students and with staff and parents
- 2) Parent Concerns: if you have a concern with a staff member, let admin know, if you have a concern with admin, you can address with your PAC or forward your concern to a Director at the School Board Office (depending on the concern), concerns from PAC, then go to DPAC
- 3) Social Media and fights – we have noticed a huge decline this year, so far, the phone guidelines are helping.
- 4) Parent Night – We will move our parent night to April 9th to help more parents attend without having to drive between 2 schools on the same night
- 5) Medical Consent/Informed Consent – no concerns from PAC

6) Washrooms: increased supervision, exit doors locked, have put in an Annual Facilities Request for a few years to have the Sci/Gr 7 washrooms upgraded to single stalls with a shared sink, costly, we have lots of stalls and cleaning is regular through the day

7) Play – PHE is scheduled 40mins/day in Gr 7 and semester in Gr. 8/9, encourage staff to take students outside and we are fundraising for a playground structure

8) School Learning Options: face-to-face at Columneetza, Cross-enroll with Online Learning Hubs, Online Learning Hubs, Homeschool and there is a referral system for students to register at Skyline (comes from Columneetza for our students)

- MyEducation – renew your password every 90 days, parent portal for learning updates, assignments, and attendance
- Competency Based IEPs – students with an IEP will be sent home a report on their IEP goals when Learning Updates are due.

Looking Ahead:

1) Valentine's Day Dance on Feb 13th from 6 – 9 pm

2) Possible Gr. 6/7/8 Basketball Tournament (end of Feb).

3) Course Preference Forms for students to choose courses for next year in February.

Canadian Parents for French Report: still need a person for this position.

DPAC Report: Meeting is coming up February 27th.

Old Business: We are trying to get a new account going for purely Columneetza playground equipment. We cannot allowed to take money from gaming account to that account, we COULD move the business account though. We are making it possible to etransfer this new account for parents to be able to donate to the playground equipment.

ColumneetzaPAC@gmail.com is for being able to get minutes sent to your email, and to ask your questions you'd like brought up in our meetings.

New Business:

- We have to update our constitution for Columneetza, will have it officially voted in next month. All we are changing the name in it, to Columneetza Junior Secondary school.
- Fundraising: waiting to find out the dimensions for specific equipment so we can make models for parents to be able to see what they're putting their money towards.
- 2024/2025 Meetings
- Next meeting will be February 17th, 5:30 pm:
 - IT IS A BUDGET MEETING, PLEASE ATTEND TO HAVE A SAY ON WHAT IS BEING FUNDED AT YOUR KID'S SCHOOL FOR ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, ETC