**Collège Churchill Parent Advisory Council**

**Wednesday, February 19th@ 6pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Georgia Wells (Principal); Nathan Tocher (VP, French Milieu); Matt Frost (VP); Lois Brothers; Jón Olafson; Kyla Stewart (Chair/Recording Secretary); Melissa Kendrick; Savaswati Bhurtyal; Keshab Thapa; Meagan Robinson; Maria Peape; Jake Peape; Leslie Paul

**Welcome & Introductions**

* Lois Brothers, School Trustee for Ward 2, and Jón Olafson, Service Director for Inclusion Support Services with the Winnipeg School Division were both in attendance at the meeting

**School Report**

* Grades 7 & 8 Inquiry Fair
  + Students have been working on inquiry based projects
  + Will be on display in the gym next week with the teachers and Sr. High students reviewing & providing feedback
* Successful grade 6 visit and Open House
  + 200 students in attendance during the day
    - They were all very excited to experience the school we welcomed students from:
      * Riverview
      * Fort Rouge
      * Gladstone
      * Laura Secord
  + Open House video focused on student voice this year and was well received – spearheaded by Mr. Andersen
    - * Teaching practices
      * Indigenous practices & how these impact engagement
    - 7&8 students working on inquiry-based projects during this time
      * Will be presented week of February 26th
  + Registration happening differently this year division wide
    - February 10
      * Catchment school registration opens for new students.
    - March 3
      * School of Choice applications open – these applications get sent to the division, not the school
      * all students must register with their catchment schools first **BEFORE** applying for a School of Choice
* Update on Field Trips
  + We have had a few field trips rescheduled
    - Ski trip
    - Ice fishing trip
  + Sending large group to Moose Game in support of Project 11 on March 4th
  + Grade 12 group going to MTC as part of English curriculum
* 3rd Annual Black History Celebrations
  + Student led
  + No space to invite the community
  + Planning a speaker, a fashion show, a dance group

**PAC Update**

* Survey Update
  + Was discussed that this could prove a valuable tool for gathering feedback
    - Kyla to work to have it sent out to our community for input
* Was discussed to move back to a hybrid model of meetings to try to capture more attendance
  + Will bring back online meeting option for March meeting
* Glenlea Greenhouse Fundraiser
  + Dates not yet confirmed, more information at our March meeting

**Other Business**

* MHSAA Preparatory School Policy Repeal
  + A group of parents shared their concerns regarding the recent enforcement of the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association (MHSAA) Preparatory School Policy, which has resulted in several student-athletes from the NorthStar basketball program, who are students at Churchill High School, being deemed ineligible to participate in MHSAA-sanctioned school basketball.
  + These students had previously competed in the 2023–2024 season without issue.
  + It was expressed that the policy appears to disproportionately affect a small group of students, is vaguely defined, and lacks transparency. Concerns were also raised about the timing of the enforcement (mid-season), the lack of clear communication from MHSAA, and the emotional impact on the students.
  + They are requesting further review and clarification of the policy and its implementation, with the hope of promoting fairness, consistency, and inclusivity in school sports moving forward.
    - There was meaningful discussion regarding this issue, with many thoughtful perspectives and ideas shared on potential next steps. School administration will continue dialogue with MHSAA and is committed to keeping parents informed as the situation evolves.
* A parent of a student in the Hockey Academy asked if there could be an opportunity for these students to participate in band and/or art in May and June when they are not at the rink (classes that they do not get to participate in due to scheduling restrictions)
  + Administration thought that this is a wonderful concept, but unsure how that would work logistically but agreed to keep in mind and look at options

**Next PAC meeting: Wednesday, March 19 @ 6:00 pm**