**Collège Churchill Parent Advisory Council**

**Wednesday, January 15th@ 6pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Georgia Wells (Principal); Nathan Tocher (VP, French Milieu); Kyla Stewart (Chair/Recording Secretary); Melissa

**School Report**

* Update on school initiatives and achievements:
  + Teen Clinic
    - Weekly on Thursday mornings
    - Has been having great success
    - Students accessing for both physical and mental health
    - Advertised on tvs throughout the school and on daily announcements
  + Huddle
    - In partnership with WSD
    - Representative on site once a week
  + Early dismissal days
    - Staff work focused on student engagement
      * Student voice
      * 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
  + Humane Society
    - On site for presentations for grade 9 students
    - Teachers picked a topic and they got a one-hour session
      * Mindfulness was a popular topic
    - Student wellness club will look at future opportunities
  + Field trips
    - These should be connected to curriculum
    - These should be part of public education, and we should not be asking for funds to fund these excursions
  + Student Voice
    - Sr. High students went around to collect student voice
      * What students would like to see at school going forward – what is working, what is not, for rest of school year
      * This is a survey that is done every year
        + Used for planning purposes
        + Questions about safety, sense of belonging, what courses to offer as options, what we are missing
    - Was noted that is it important to collect all student voices and discussed accommodations to ensure school is capturing this
  + Mean Girls production
    - Huge success
* Upcoming events & important dates:
  + February Black history month
    - Student LED with teacher guidance
    - Discussed potentially streaming some events to feeder schools
  + French Week
    - Groupe jeuness organizing
    - Will have pancake breakfast
  + Registration
    - Looks a little different this year
    - Open House February 11th
    - Will be welcoming grade 6 feeder schools again in the morning of Feb 11th
* Update on administration
  + Georgia Wells has been officially appointed Principal
    - PAC disappointed not communication from division
  + PAC asked if VP position will now be posted or if Matt Frost will remain
    - Waiting for clarification

**PAC Update**

* Role of PAC this year
  + Discussed the ongoing challenge of staying motivated and excited about initiatives due to the consistently low parental engagement, with only two parents regularly attending meetings. Despite this, we deeply appreciate the administration's commitment to meeting with us monthly, recognizing that this time is taken from their personal schedules—a sacrifice that does not go unnoticed.
  + To address the engagement issue, we presented the possibility of sending out a survey to gain insight into what might encourage more parents to participate. We remain hopeful that this approach will help us better understand and address barriers to involvement.
    - This was well received. Kyla to work on refining it and will have it sent out to our community for input.
  + Still hoping to host some information nights – like the WPS Online Safety presentation, waiting on confirmation from school on date presentation booked for students
* Trustee Lois Brothers request
  + Was agreed to let the board office know that we would love to welcome Trustee Brothers to an upcoming meeting. Kyla to arrange.
* Glenlea Greenhouse Fundraiser
  + Decided this will move forward
  + Funds raised will go towards the Hampers and the end of year PAC awards
  + Will coordinate with Carol Murphy and more details to follow

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