

Collège Churchill Parent Advisory Council
Wednesday, October 11th @ 7pm
Meeting Minutes

Present: Georgia Wells (Acting Principal); Nathan Tocher (VP French Milieu); Ian MacLeod (Acting Vice-Principal); Susan Chodirker (Guidance Counselor); Kyla Stewart (Chair/Recording Secretary); Carol Murphy (Treasurer); Leslie Hackett

School Report

- Have had a busy start to the year
- Numbers are up
 - Sitting at 790 students
 - Division has given us 2 additional teachers for the English Program
 - Will be looking at a reorganization of classes in grades 7 – 9 – more information to follow to parents
 - French Immersion numbers remain stable
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
 - Grade 11&12 initiated bake sale raised \$880 to be donated to The Indigenous Women's Healing Centre
 - Held a school wide assembly
 - Invited a residential school survivor to speak to students
 - Grades 7 – 12 Millieu and 9 – 12 English students participated in an smudge and a walk to the Forks
- Meet the teacher BBQ
 - Turnout was great despite the weather
 - Have surveyed the staff to see what could have been done better – would like to do the same for the parents
- November 1 is Take our Kids to Work Day
 - This is for all grade 9 students to participate in
 - Forms have been sent home
 - Will be a presentation “SAFE Workers of Tomorrow” for both Millieu & English students
- Girls Hockey Team
 - 17 players on roster
 - Goalie has joined team from St. Mary's
- Upcoming initiatives
 - Koats for Kids
 - Adam Masi spearheading this
 - Buy Nothing Day
 - UNESCO initiative
 - Clothing swap
 - Grad fundraising
 - Snack Stop – last day of every week
 - Halloween bake sale
 - World's Finest Chocolates
- Musical
 - CCHS putting on a musical this year
 - Will be held at Gas Station Theater
 - Group will be going on a musical retreat to Camp Assiniboia

- CCHS clothing
 - Store now open through November 1
 - If your item is to be a gift, please let Ms. Chodirker know so she can ensure it does not get given to your student
- School would like to collect parent feedback on things like Awards Day, Format for Meet the Teacher
 - Suggested that each PAC Meeting will have a topic assigned to it and we will advertise it that way
- Administration is looking to gather input from students, staff, and parents as to the vision for the school
 - Looking for best ways to gather this from parents

PAC Update

- It is hard to define the role of PAC with the poor parent turnout to these meetings
 - Discussed ways to garner more interest
 - Noted that Lord Roberts holds their meetings the same night – will look to see what Riverviews meeting dates are like and will liaise with school to advertise upcoming meetings on social media platforms
- Open PAC Positions:
 - Secretary – remains unfilled
 - South District Advisory Council Representative – remains unfilled
 - French Immersion Advisory Council Representative – remains unfilled
- Will keep meeting dates as second Wednesday of the month unless otherwise advised

Treasury Update

- Went over start of year financials
- Fundraising initiatives this year
 - Farm to School
 - Proceeds slightly down this year, but still raised \$680
 - Glenlea Greenhouse plant sale organized for May
 - Discussed foregoing Local Love Holiday Gift Card Fundraiser this year
 - Lots of work with not enough return the last couple of years
 - Will look into simplifying things with a coffee and honey sale instead
- How will fundraising initiatives be budgeted this year?
 - It was suggested a good use of funds this year could be put towards the school run snack program
 - There is a need for this program and it is growing
 - Looking to shift this program to fresh foods
 - Funds could be used to subsidize the program – looking at costs of \$50/week to start and can grow from there
 - Want to ensure there is no stigma attached

- Those in attendance agreed this would be an ideal way to use funds – especially those raised through the Farm to School initiative
- Suggested it could go to help offset Grad costs
 - Those in attendance agreed that they want funds raised through Parent Council to be used for the benefit of all students, not just one grade
- Technology is always needed
 - PAC donated towards this need last year, and those in attendance agreed that this would be a good use of funds raised again should there be any remaining

Other Business

- Trustee Lois Brothers has requested to join a PAC Meeting
 - As we struggle with attendance, Kyla to reach out to let her know that though we would love to have her, we also value her time and want to ensure it is worth her while to come out
- Millieu Charter
 - It was brought up that not many know about this charter and that, in an effort to hold ourselves accountable, that we should revisit this each year as a group to ensure we are upholding it
 - Will be added to November agenda
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Adjournment

Next PAC meeting: Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 pm