Colebrook PAC General Meeting Minutes

*Thursday, November 17, 2022 @ 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm VIA ZOOM*

1. Call to Order @ 6:30pm
2. Circulation of Attendance:

President: Meena Gill

Vice President: Parm Dhaliwal

Treasurer: Daman Grewal

Secretary: Herneet Dhillon

Colebrook Principal: Andrew Zadeiks

Regrets: Parm Dhaliwal

PAC Members: Shantel Raj, Bhindu, Harpreet, Asra, Sharan

1. Approval of Agenda: 1st: Daman Grewal 2nd: Herneet Dhillon
2. Principal’s Report (See Attached)
3. Treasure’s Report
   1. Account Balance (See Attached)
4. Hot Lunch Update
5. December 8th hot lunch
6. Upcoming Fundraiser
7. Fundscript
8. Cheque Drive
9. Parent Volunteers needed to run additional fundraisers
10. Christmas Treat for Students
11. Every 3rd Thursday of the month Motion Approved: 1. Herneet 2. Daman 3. Bhindu
12. Questions & Feedback
13. Next PAC Meetings Scheduled for: Thursday December 15, 2022 @6:30pm

\*Virtual meetings will be held via ZOOM.

1. Adjournment @ 7:36pm

**Principal’s Report**

Upcoming Events

November 22 – Individual Photo Retakes

November 23 – Wear Read and White for Canada (at the World Cup)

November 24 – Grade 6 Immunizations

November 28 – Division 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 to Burnaby Village Museum

December 2 – Student Learning Progress Reports

December 2 – Grinch Day - Primary Classrooms

December 8 – Early Dismissal for Reporting

December 9 – Division 7, 8 and 10 to Burnaby Village Museum

December 16 – Last Day Before Winter Break

December 19 – January 2 Winter break

Date to be determined … Festive Sweater Day

Date to be determined … World Cup Soccer Day

Teachers have been spending a lot of time working to get to know and use SPACES. This is the digital portfolio that will be coming out to replace Fresh Grade. Before the end of the month teachers will be connecting with families to share information about Spaces or CSL templates.

Our school has not planned a Christmas/Winter Performance. Instead, we will be doing a school musical before Spring Break called, “We Need a Vacation.”

School Wide Curling in December using the equipment purchased by our PAC last year.

**Colebrook Cares - Student Leadership**

Four Initiatives coming up …

* **Bill Reid Place for the Homeless**

Collecting Backpacks and other items from November 22 – December 2

Socks, toques, scarfs, mittens, shoes, warm clothes, blankets, sleeping bags, toiletries.

* **Food Bank Donations**

Canned goods and other non-perishables

* **Hampers for Families in Need**
* **Christmas Cards for Seniors in Residence**

**Thank you** for supporting the purchase of new Technology for our school.

Spirit Wear Sales – open until end of the day November 20.

**Financial support to make school more affordable for families that need it most.**

In late August, the provincial government announced [$60 million in one-time funding to school districts in B.C.](https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ECC0057-001290) – including $7.385 million to Surrey Schools – to make school more affordable for students and families.

Our district has now received this funding and has allocated amounts to all of our schools. Moving forward, these funds will be used to support families struggling with the rising cost of living due to inflation. We can use these funds at our school to ensure students can continue to participate fully in school, despite challenging financial situations. These funds can be used to help with school supplies, food and clothing costs, and additional fees so that students in need can take part in activities, such as field trips.

Families are encouraged to reach out to principals, teachers, or their school office staff if any financial support is needed for school-based supplies or activities.