

## **If your child attends classes at the Centre for Learning Alternatives – READ THIS!!**

### **Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Information Sheet for Parents**

#### **What is the Centre for Learning Alternatives (CLA) in School District 57?**

The CLA delivers a **variety of quality education services** for students with diverse needs. The CLA's programs promote personal, social, and academic growth in a safe and caring learning community. The CLA is located in the John McInnis Centre (JMC) with a number of offsite programs operated in connection with community partners throughout Prince George.

#### **What educational services does CLA provide?**

**Alternate Community Programs** are offered on-site at JMC for students aged 13 to 19 who have been assessed as requiring more specialized learning supports than are offered at mainstream high schools. These programs include **Junior, Senior, and Super Alternate Programs** and **GAP** (life skills classes). Offsite programs support learning for the **Teen Mothers Alternate Program, Youth Around Prince George,** and youth involved with **Intersect Youth and Family Services.** The CLA also provides educational support to students through **Distance Learning, Continuing Education** (for adults), and for students in **Hospital, Camp Trapping, Two Wolves Centre, BC Regional Correction Centre, and Baldy Hughes Treatment Centre.**

#### **What is a Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and who belongs to it?**

A Parent Advisory Council is a group of parents, guardians, and interested community members who are interested in helping the principal and staff make the CLA a great place for students to learn.

#### **What does the CLA PAC do?**

The CLA PAC meets once a month. Our job is to support students enrolled in the CLA and to advocate on their behalf. Just like other schools, we receive Gaming Funds from the provincial government to spend on things that encourage, support, and benefit our students.

The CLA PAC has supported field trips, ball tournaments, books, car seats, musical instruments, writing and art contest prizes, and supplies for the sewing club, cooking club, art club, fitness club, outdoor education club, graduation and recognition ceremonies, and seasonal parties ... plus a whole lot more.

#### **Is this group like other PACs?**

No. There is no fundraising - no chocolate bars, no magazine subscriptions, no cookie dough ...

#### **What does the CLA PAC need?**

**We need you!!**

**There is government Gaming Grant money available for the CLA PAC to use for our students and our school community; however, without new PAC members stepping forward, this funding may not be available in the future.**

*Can you attend one hourly meeting every month?*

*If you are interested, contact your student's teacher, phone the CLA office at 250.564.6574, phone Gayle at 250.962.1001, or text Gayle at 778.349.4001*