

Clearspring Middle School Annual General Meeting
Thursday, September 22nd, 2022
@7:00 pm in the CMS Library

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Candace Campell, Wendy Bergen, Melissa Thiessen, Darlene Siemens, Tanya Penner, Kali Dyck, Jennifer Rempel, Pam Giesbrecht, and Sherri Trinh

1. Welcome & Introductions - Wendy Bergen

- Call to order at 7:01 pm.
- We had a great turnout for our June BBQ which was our only fundraiser of the year.
- PAC meets once a month.

2. Review/Adopt Minutes from 2021 AGM - Wendy Bergen

- Reading and Adoption of Minutes. Moved by Darlene Siemens. 2nd by Melissa Thiessen. Carried (all in favor).

3. Executive Elections - Wendy Bergen

- Chair - Wendy Bergen has 1 year remaining on a 3-year term.
- Secretary - Tanya Penner has 2 years remaining on a 3-year term.
- Vice Chair - up for election for a 3-year term. Darlene was nominated to continue her position. Moved by Pam Giesbrecht. 2nd by Melissa Thiessen. Carried (all in favor).
- Treasurer - up for election for a 3-year term. Melissa Thiessen was nominated to fill the term position. Moved by Darlene Siemens. 2nd by Tanya Penner. Carried (all in favor).

4. Special Events - Wendy Bergen

- Tanya Penner will be our coordinator.
- A small committee will be formed to plan special events throughout the year. Please talk to Tanya if you are interested in helping out.

5. School Report - Merrilee Plett

Merrilee, Candace, and the rest of the staff can feel there is a difference to the start of this year. No more covid protocols and things back to normal. It is very important to them that they make connections with the students and urge parents that if there are any concerns to come talk to them sooner than later. Very grateful for this community of parents and support of PAC.

Class Sizes:

- 596 students at school at the start of September. Lots of immigration and many are returning after 2 years of home school. CMS has hired a support teacher (ELA) to help with some of the language barrier as well as to fill the gap of learning.
- 5 classes of Grade 5. 6 classes each of Grade 6,7, and 8.

"And So The Adventure Begins":

- Want to build strength in our students and encourage them to stick with things that are hard.

The "Umbrella Project":

- Short video was shared. The Umbrella Project was the Blumenort School pilot project from last year and CMS will be using it this year. There will be mental wellness themes in school throughout the year. October will be "gratitude".
- Lots of students are struggling with numeracy. Struggle is ok and CMS staff are committed to helping students.

Other:

- The Library had 4,000 books signed out this summer.
- Vending machines are a huge hit and "healthy" options are available.
- Online ordering system for "Munch A Lunch" is going great. Some gluten free options are going to be offered as well.
- Grade 5,6, and 7/8 choir clubs have started. Grade 5 Bond Day, Grade 6 Learning Trip, Terry Fox Run, and Orange Shirt Day are all coming up in September.
- 110 have signed up for the X-Country Run. 95 students involved in Volleyball.
- A new Athletics tab has been created on the website with all the upcoming dates of events.
- An online Newsletter will be going out the 1st week of each month.

Vaccination Clinic:

- Vaccination clinic will be set up on October 12. Forms have gone home and if parents choose to have their child vaccinated, they will fill out the form and be returned to school.
- Looking for volunteers to hand out cookies and orange juice to those getting vaccinations.

Fundraising:

- Sound system is not quite completed.
- New Bothwell Cheese fundraiser will be offered before Christmas.
- School would like to start fundraising for outdoor areas. The hobbit hill was removed (cost of \$7,000) and students need more options to play on outside. Fundraising for this will be done over the next few years and consulting with students as to what should be placed outside. Ideas such as a play structure, picnic tables, outdoor classroom with a roof etc.. School recently bought a gaga ball pit which is working out really well.

6. Financial Report - Pam Giesbrecht

- Year End August 31st, 2022 - \$2100.95
- \$280 is in the account from the Grade 8's which will be given to the school.
- \$346.77 profit from the School Picnic.
- Signing authority will be changed at SCU. Pam Giesbrecht will be taken off the account and no longer have signing authority. Everything will be transferred over to Melissa Thiessen; our new Treasurer. Signing authority will be Wendy Bergen, Darlene Siemens, and Melissa Thiessen.

7. Constitution Review:

- See handout. Needs to be reviewed every 2 years. No changes made this year.

8. Meetings:

- Next Meeting - Wednesday, October 26th at 12:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm