

CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING

Thursday, April 28, 2022

@12:00 pm

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Pamela Giesbrecht, Stacy Froese, Tanya Penner, Darlene Siemens, Sherri Trinh, Mel Fast, Sara Richards, and Vicki Clayton

1. Welcome – Darlene Siemens

- Call to order at 12:07 pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes from March 24, 2022 – Darlene Siemens

- Moved by Mel Fast. 2nd by Vicki Clayton.

3. Adoption of Agenda – Darlene Siemens

- Moved by Pamela Giesbrecht. 2nd by Stacy Froese.

4. Financial Report – Pamela Giesbrecht

- \$1447.19 (\$.06 interest)
 - Bills for teacher appreciation were paid.
- E-Transfer option has been set up at SCU.

5. School Report – Merrilee Plett

Covid Protocols:

- Covid 19 is “over”. Reduced protocols. Tracking no longer required.
- Attendance has not really changed since restrictions have been moved.
- Grades 7 & 8 have their lockers back. Microwaves will be brought back into classes and water fountains are open.

School Events/Activities:

- *Grades 5 & 6:* Spring concerts (June).
- *Grade 6:* Band recruitment.
- *Grades 7 & 8:* Band concert (June 7th).
- *Grade 4* transitioning to CMS has started. Last Thursday Grade 4 students were at CMS. May 19th is a parent’s meeting and June 10th there will be another tour. Great feedback.
- *Grades 5 & 6:* Track & Field over the course of 2 days at CMS. Those with qualifying times will go to SMS with all the other schools in the division.
- *Grade 8:* Registered at SRSS.

Other:

- Parent Volunteers will be allowed for Learning Trips. Parents should think about getting their Child Abuse and Criminal Record Checks in.

End of Year Assessment:

- End of May/Beginning of June.
- Reading Assessment for those reading below Grade level.
- Numeracy Assessment Project (N.A.P)
 - Foundational outcomes.
 - Reach backs.
- Panorama Survey (Divisional)
 - Mental health checks.

Staff Updates:

- Merilee Plett has accepted a position as the permanent Principal of CMS.
- The Vice Principal will be announced on Monday.
- One staff member is taking a 1-year leave, one is resigning, and another one is being transferred.
- EA positions will stay the same.

Canteen:

- Working on having a canteen in September. Looking at an online system where parents can pay online. More info to come.

Physical Education & Health Education:

- See handouts.
- Parents of Grades 5 & 7 students will receive letters regarding changes.
- "Instructional units covering topics of human sexuality will be taught to the entire class at the same time by their homeroom teacher".
- Grade 5 parents will be invited to a drop in evening.

6. Questions/Response to Principal Report – Darlene Siemens

- Mixed reactions and questions regarding having the entire class together for these units.
 - Teachers have bought in to this and topics are being intentional.
 - If students have questions, they will be given a chance to put their question in a box and a teacher will look through them and answer age appropriately.
 - Amaze.org was a website suggested for parents.

7. Hanover PAC Liaison Meeting Update from April 26, 2022 – Darlene Siemens

- Budget, Student Services, and K-12 Education Action Plan.
- If you have questions, please ask Wendy Bergen.

8. CMS Grade 8 Farewell – Stacy Froese

- June 28th from 6:00-10:00 pm at Neufeld's Garage. Food trucks.
- Letter to Grade 8's was sent out last week.
- Looking for donations and volunteers.
- Committee will be on the look out for any kids who can not come b/c of \$.

9. CMS Picnic – Darlene Siemens

- A BBQ for parents and students with the help of staff and PAC on June 24th.
- There was some discussion on the date of event with some parents/students not able to attend b/c of the SRSS grad the day before.
- Suggestion was to stick to just a BBQ and no extra activities that includes parents so we can ease back into school events. Possibly the teachers will plan extra outdoor activities that day with their students.
- There is a lot of help needed to prepare for the BBQ (before and day of). Looking for volunteers (please contact Wendy Bergen).
- A sub committee will have a meeting shortly to discuss details.

10. Meetings

- Next Meeting – May 26th at 12:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.