

CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING (via Zoom)

Thursday, January 27th, 2022

@12:00 pm

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Wendy Bergen, Pamela Giesbrecht, Stacy Froese, Tanya Penner, Darlene Siemens, Sherri Trinh, Melissa Thiessen, Mel Fast, and Claudia Winter

1. Welcome – Wendy Bergen

- Call to order at 12:10 pm

2. Adoption of Minutes from November 25th, 2021 – Wendy Bergen

- Moved by Darlene Siemens. 2nd by Mel Fast

3. Adoption of Agenda – Wendy Bergen

- Moved by Tanya Penner. 2nd by Pamela Giesbrecht.

4. Financial Report – Pamela Giesbrecht

- \$1441.16 (\$.12 interest)

5. School Report – Merrilee Plett

School Year Start:

- Been a strange start to the year! Christmas Break was extended; one week of remote learning; and then 4 snow days out of 8 days.
- It has been hard to get into routine and been a bit of a challenge as it feels like a month of learning has been lost.

Covid Protocols:

- Not many changes.
- To get as much room as possible in each classroom things such as bookshelves have been removed. Some classrooms have moved to new locations. Students have been moved to new spaces during their lunch to ensure every single student is a minimum of 6 feet apart.
- Masks are now worn the entire gym time.
- There are no close contact reports.
- Vaccination Clinic was moved to January 28th for Grades 5 & 6.

Grade Activities:

- *Grade 8:* DARE
- *Grade 7 & 8:* Provincial Assessments (parents will receive a printout with report cards).

Book Fair:

- Students will be able to participate in the Book Fair in March during school hours. There will not be a parent's evening.

Fundraiser

- Rocco's Pizza from January 27 – February 3.
- Money is being raised for a new school sound system.
- No pressure for students to sell and they are not encouraged to knock on doors.
- Rocco's will be delivering pizzas with a drive thru pickup.
- Tanya Penner will post on IG.

Sport Activities:

- *Grade 7 & 8:* Basketball (to participate after school, students need to have 1 vaccination shot or get tested at a Pharmacy).

Kindness Week/Pink Day:

- Week of February 14th.
- Focus will be on KINDNESS and how we treat others. Conversations will be had on bullying and mistreatment.

Grade 8 Transition to SRSS:

- Starting to talk about transitioning to the SRSS.
- Students will soon start to meet with counsellors and principals from SRSS.
- Gathering ideas on how to make special moments in Spring.

6. Questions/Response to Principal Report – Wendy Bergen

- A concern was brought up about students missing out on playing Basketball after school with the vaccination requirements. Families are pulling their kids out b/c of the testing cost. Some are paying \$40 (x2) a week to have their kids tested.
- Ski Trip will not be happening due to staffing, getting bus drivers, and vaccination mandates at the ski hills.
- Parents requested a Grade 8 Farewell Committee to be formed. Stacy Froese offered to be the contact person and Merrilee Plett will communicate this to parents through the School Newsletter and an email.

7. Special Events – Stacy Froese

- Sign up Genius was used for the Christmas Staff Appreciation, and it was successful. Many parents like the option of donating \$ instead of dropping off food and this is a great way to have parents involved.
- Pam Giesbrecht will look at setting up e-transfer for PAC.

8. Meetings

- Next Meeting – February 24th at 12:00 via ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm