

## CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2022

@12:00 pm

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Wendy Bergen, Pamela Giesbrecht, Stacy Froese, Tanya Penner, Darlene Siemens, Sherri Trinh, Mel Fast, Carla Barkman, and Vicki Clayton

### 1. Welcome – Wendy Bergen

- Call to order at 12:04 pm

### 2. Adoption of Minutes from January 27th, 2021 – Wendy Bergen

- Moved by Pamela Giesbrecht. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Clayton.

### 3. Adoption of Agenda – Wendy Bergen

- Moved by Mel Fast. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pamela Giesbrecht.

### 4. Financial Report – Pamela Giesbrecht

- \$1441.33 (\$.12 interest and \$.05 bonus)
- E-Transfer option has been set up at SCU.
  - [clearspringpac@gmail.com](mailto:clearspringpac@gmail.com) with the password: middleschool.
  - PAC approved no password needed to accept these deposits.
- Financial Report was sent by Marci on Monday.

### 5. School Report – Merrilee Plett

#### Covid Protocols:

- Restrictions have totally been lifted.
- As of March, no immunization checks for extra school activities and spectators are allowed to watch.
- No more masks unless staff or students choose to wear.
- No more cohorts however there will still be zones for Grade 5 & 6.
- No more separated lunchrooms.
- Some things are still being figured out such as: cohort doors, laundry baskets vs lockers, microwaves, and bathroom passes.
- Parent Volunteers will be allowed back in the school.

#### Steinbach Middle Schooler's Mental Health:

- Significance concerns as the numbers in severity have gone up.
- How do we support our kids?
- Grade 8's has lots of changes coming and added anxiety moving to a new school.
- Mental Health Check In (see handout) was given to all the students in Grade 5-8 to fill out.
  - 50% feel they belong at school.

#### School Events/Activities:

- Grade 8 – Mid Evil event.
- Grade 5 & 6 concerts (June 15 or 20).
- Dragon Boat (May & June).
- CMS raised \$2707 for the Terry Fox Run.
- Kraft Dinner boxes collected for Southeast Helping Hands.

#### Sensitive Content Curriculum:

- Upcoming changes to format/structure for the potentially sensitive content curriculum. More information coming in April.

#### **6. Questions/Response to Principal Report – Wendy Bergen**

- A concern was brought up about kids who come to the Book Fair but can not afford to purchase anything. Merilee and Sherri mentioned that the school has a Kindness Fund as well as they give lots of gift certificates to Scholastic throughout the year to give kids the chance of getting a book.

#### **7. CMS Grade 8 Farewell – Stacy**

- Will discuss at next meeting.

#### **8. CMS Picnic – Wendy**

- Will discuss dates and creating a planning committee at next meeting.

#### **9. Meetings**

- Next Meeting – April 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm