

CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING

Thursday, May 26th, 2022

@12:00 pm

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

1. Welcome – Wendy Bergen

- Call to order at 12:02 pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes from April 28, 2022 – Wendy Bergen

- Moved by Mel Fast. 2nd by Pamela Giesbrecht.

3. Adoption of Agenda – Wendy Bergen

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

4. Financial Report – Pamela Giesbrecht

- \$2157.26
 - \$700.00 was donated to PAC fund for Grade 8 Graduation which will be taken out.
 - \$10.00 was a cash donation for staff appreciation.

5. School Report – Merrilee Plett

School Events/Activities Updates:

- *Grade 8:* Great Medieval event.
- *Grade 8:* AFM: Addiction Foundation Manitoba
 - Notice of uptake in vapor usage in Grade 8.
- *Grade 4:* Information Night
 - Went well and had lots of good comments.

Upcoming School Events/Activities:

- *Grade 5&6:* Divisional Track & Field Meet (May 31)
 - 85 students from CMS
- *Grade 7&8:* Open House Band Concert (June 7)
- *Grade 7&8:* ICE: Internet Child Exploitation (June 15)
 - Online safety through ZOOM in homeroom classes
- *Grades 5&6:* Spring concerts (June 15 & 20)
- *Grade 8:* Soccer (June 20)
- *Grade 7&8:* Track Club (June)
- *Grade 7&8:* Dragon Boat (June)
- *Grade 4&5:* Transitions (June)

Other:

- Received 20-25 "Parent Volunteer" forms.
- Microwaves are up and running in each classroom.

- Class lists are being figured out.
- Grade 5 numbers are down for next year. 5 classes with 25 students/class.
- The Flex Ed Program is working really well. Next year will just be offered to Grade 7.

End of Year Assessment:

- End of May/Beginning of June.
- Panorama Survey (Divisional) has begun.

Staff Updates:

- Candace Campbell - permanent VP.
- Lost 2 teachers due to enrollment.
- Leaving: Chloe Tate, Melissa Dean, and Jesse Snyder (for 1 year).
- Returning: Peiki Loay, and Daphne Lee.
- New Hires: Matthew Hoskins (Transfer from GVS), Linda Szyszkowski (counselling or homeroom), Karla Lysak (counselling), Patricia Amador (homeroom), and Bianca Sheppard (homeroom).

Canteen:

- Working on having a canteen in September as well as Hot Lunch options.

MB Education (K-12):

- Bill 64 is not happening but there are some changes happening to MB's Education.
 - There will be a focus on 6 Global Competencies:
 1. Creativity
 2. Citizenship
 3. Connection to Self
 4. Critical Thinking
 5. Collaboration
 6. Communication
 - Indigenous Education
 1. Understanding our History
 2. Safe Place & Belonging

6. Questions/Response to Principal Report – Wendy Bergen

- A mention that the website calendar is not updated frequently.
- Question from a parent regarding no longer offering Night in Museum/Camp Cedarwood.
 - Some disappointment from kids to be attending a 2hr day at Aquatic Center instead of some of these fun planned events.
 - Mrs. Plett mentioned that many were not interested for various reasons and they noticed a big decline in students not coming. She said that the school is reinventing school trips.
- Grade 8 presentation was better than DARE.
- Tanya shared some of Smitty's hot lunch options.
 - The school will look into options.

- Question from a parent wondering about nutrition in school and why offering unhealthy options.
 - Apparently the school has tried in the past to give students healthier options in the vending machine as well as hot lunches but they don't sell well.

7. CMS Grade 8 Farewell – Wendy Bergen

- June 28th from 6:00-10:00 pm at Neufeld's Garage.
- Bright Arrow sent out today.

8. CMS Picnic – Wendy Bergen

- A BBQ for parents and students with the help of staff and PAC on June 24.
- 11:45-1:15 and serving hotdogs/drinks/chips.
- Mrs. Plett and Mrs. Campbell will do the BBQing.
- A fundraiser for PAC and we actually make a good amount of money.
- A sub committee was formed to provide planning for the event.
 - Food Coordinator - Stacy Froese
 - Volunteer/Set up Coordinator - Tanya Penner
 - Orders/Money Coordinator - Melissa Thiessen
- Aiming to send out info/order forms on June 10 with a June 16 deadline.
- PAC was all in favor of providing freezies from the funds.
- Please let Tanya know if you are available to volunteer.

9. Special Events - Tanya Penner

- Staff Appreciation in June.
- Ice cream Sundaes were approved by PAC.

10. PAC Executive for 2022-2023 - Wendy Bergen

- Positions for ReElection are Treasurer and Vice President.
- A Special Events Coordinator will be needed.
- Please talk to Wendy if interested in any positions.

11. Next Meeting:

- Invitation by Mrs.Plett for lunch at Santa Lucia on Thursday, June 16 at 12:00 pm. Please RSVP to Wendy.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.