

CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING (via Zoom)
Thursday, November 25, 2021
@12:00 pm

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

1. Welcome – Darlene Siemens

- Call to order at 12:05 pm

2. Adoption of Minutes from October 28, 2021 – Darlene Siemens

- Moved by Vicki Clayton. 2nd by Tanya Penner.

3. Adoption of Agenda – Darlene Siemens

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

4. Financial Report – Pamela Giesbrecht

- \$1441.04 (\$.06 interest)

5. School Report – Merrilee Plett

A big thank you from the staff for the goodies brought on November 18th. It was great and very appreciated.

Cheese Fundraiser:

- Going extremely better than thought.
- Profit is not huge but currently have sold about \$9000 worth of cheese.

Ice Rink:

- Boards are in and water has been poured.

Yearbook

- Yearbooks are on sale. Grade 7 and 8's involved with the photography and page designing.

Grade Activities:

- *Grade 5 Mini* – MAC working together with Steinbach Community Outreach and collecting donations.
- *Grade 8 Math Club* meeting during lunch hour.

Parent Teacher:

- Good participation even though it could not be in person.
- Report cards coming out December 3rd through parent portal.

Priorities Report:

1. Literacy & Numeracy (closing the learning gap)

- a. The gap with numeracy is a little more than expected.
2. Mental Wellness
 - a. Anxieties and worries are higher. School is trying to meet those needs and working on their daily "Gratefulness" theme.
3. Collective Efficacy

Christmas Concert:

- There will be no concert this year, but Mrs. Hutchinson is working on something with the Grade 5's and Mr. Janzen with the Grade 7 & 8 band students.

Sport Activities:

- Grade 7 & 8 Volleyball teams had a successful season.
- Grade 7 & 8 Basketball teams will start December 8th. In order to play, students will need one dose of the vaccination or be tested 72 hours before practices and games. These tests will be the expense of the parents.

6. Questions/Response to Principal Report – Darlene Siemens

- There was some discussion about hockey helmets. Currently the school has 10-12 helmets that students can use but will consider getting more. The rules are that a hockey helmet needs to be used when on the ice.
- Grade 8 Ski Trip will be in February but there are a lot of unknowns. Much research needs to be done. Will vaccination status be required?
- There was a lot of discussion/concern within the meeting on the vaccinations and kids being allowed vs not allowed to participate in these activities.

7. Special Events – Stacy Froese

- Staff received donuts/yogurt/fruit and hot drinks on November 18th provided by PAC.
- Sign up Genius was used and it was successful. We will be using this again for Christmas.
- Christmas Staff Appreciation will be on Tuesday, December 21st.

8. Social Media – Tanya Penner

- Tanya has offered to set up a CMS PAC Instagram page. Everyone seemed in favor.

9. Meetings

- Next Meeting – January (TBD).

Meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm