

CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, October 28, 2021
@ 12:08 PM

Attendance: Merilee Plett, Wendy Bergen, Pam Giesbrecht, Stacy Froese, Darlene Siemens, Sherri Trinh, Melanie Fast

1. Adoption of Minutes from PAC AGM September 22, 2021
 - a. Moved – Darlene Siemens, Second – Stacy Froese
2. Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Moved – Stacy Froese, Second – Pam Giesbrecht
3. Treasurer Report – Pam Giesbrecht
 - a. Credit Interest for September \$0.06 – current balance \$1,440.98
 - b. Went to SCU to arrange appropriate signing authority on account. Require 2 to sign. Wendy Bergen, Darlene Siemens, Pam Giesbrecht. Removed Vanessa Koop and Michelle King.
4. Principal Report - Merilee Plett
 - a. CMS Update – working at putting more into the school to make it feel normal
 - i. Volleyball has started – games livestreamed, although different, wonderful to have kids in the gym.
 - ii. Learning Trips underway – grade 5 had bond day, grade 6 Mennonite Heritage Village and Harv's Air Service, grade 7 Tourond Creek. All grades were able to participate in some form of cross country event.
 - iii. Theme week under way at CMS-Grade 8 students were surveyed for ideas.
 - iv. Remembrance Day Assembly planning underway. Hoping to livestream this year with grade 8s helping run the assembly.
 - v. Christmas Concerts will not be able to be in person events. Music teachers are working at how to put together something for students to take home.
 - vi. Parent/Teacher conferences will be virtual on November 18
 - vii. Pizza Day is in the works
 - viii. Mask Wearing requirements have increased since start of year. More mask time in place. Teachers are working for ways to bring students outside to allow for breaks.
 - ix. Weather Changing – parent email to be sent out reminding parents to have kids come to school prepared to be outside no matter the weather.
 - x. Fundraiser – New Bothwell Cheese. Should go out mid November for a cheese delivery of early December. New Bothwell Cheese helps school with distribution.

- xi. Hobbit Hill has been deemed unsafe. Looking at doing a temporary fix, sharing cost with Hanover School Division. Approximately \$6500. The playground needs does require a broader conversation at some point as to what would be a good fit for the students of CMS.
 - xii. Teaching and Learning – Kids are digging in. Supports are in place to help fill in the learning gaps that have developed over the last 2 years. CMS has a literacy support teacher in the school twice/week to assist with students as well as support to teachers.
 - b. Question Period
 - i. Will there be an option for families who do not wish to fundraise for a financial donation?
 - 1. Yes. Parents will be able to provide funds to HSD and received a donation receipt. Will be including that information in the fundraising letter.
5. CMS Staff Appreciation – Stacy Froese
- a. Looking at including more parents from the school for donation to staff events via sign up genius. Cost affective as well as gives more parents opportunity to show their appreciation.
 - b. Week of parent/teacher as well as Christmas depending on school support. Teachers appreciate even small gestures.
 - c. COVID food requirements have eased up a bit, allowing for bulk items to be brought in. Nothing has to be individually wrapped this year but still must be made in a commercial kitchen.
6. Hanover PAC Liaison Meeting October 26, 2021 Report Wendy Bergen/Pam Giesbrecht
- a. Shelley Amos - Superintendent/CEO – Schools are in yellow. Despite high cases in division, very few classes or buses have had to go remote. Immunization clinics will be running soon. FDA (United States) has approved a COIVD vaccine for 5-11 year olds, likely this will move into Canada as well shortly. Expecting to see an increase in school clinic usage once approved.
 - b. Leanne Peters – Assistant Superintendent – Spoke on Panarama Surveys that went out to students. Grit, Belonging, Feeling Safe and Teacher/Student relationships was asked of students. Results were rather low but expect that to increase one area would improve others. They would like to do a follow up survey now that students have had the opportunity to be back in the school.
 - c. Colin Campbell – Assistant Superintendent – Spoke on Technology and a policy that was created Division wide that sets consistency with technology in schools. (see attached) The policy sets the minimum but allows principals the autonomy to make school changes as they deem necessary for their current students. Also, suggested 2 websites that parents may find useful in the world of technology use and social media.
www.commonsensemedia.org
www.welcometomylifeonline.com

7. Next Meeting, November 25, 2021 @ 12 PM