



Clearspring Middle School

PAC Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 2, 2023 @ 12:00pm

Present: Wendy Bergen, Janelle Unrau, Kali Dyck, Merrilee Plett, Cara Doerksen, Candace Campbell, Darlene Siemens, Melissa Thiessen, Jasmine Harder, Carla Barkman

1. Adoption of Minutes from December 1, 2022
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Treasurer Report – Melissa Thiessen
 - a. Financials
 - i. Current balance: \$ 2130.92
 - ii. \$100.00 extra from the last teacher appreciation donations as CMS parents were very generous
 1. We'll keep this set aside for the next appreciation
 - iii. We are needing more SCU cheques, however they are very costly (\$9.00 for 4 cheques)
 1. Melissa will look into the e-transfer option and will order some cheques to supplement at the best price available.
4. Principal Report – Merrilee Plett
 - a. School Threats
 - i. It's been a tough couple of weeks due to several different challenges
 - ii. Decision making has been hard for school leadership
 - iii. A big thank you to parents for understanding
 - iv. RCMP/Homeland Security in the US is investigating threats made about CMS
 - v. The occurrence of threats on schools seems to be something happening everywhere and more often
 - vi. The tech available is making it hard for law enforcement to get to the bottom of it
 - vii. School leaders are wishing to get back to normalcy
 - viii. Constable Redekop and Constable Trim have been in at CMS to be a presence of security and safety
 - ix. Parent questions:
 1. When do we set up security?
 - a. At this point HSD/RCMP don't feel it's necessary
 - b. Destination club

- i. Fitness club
- c. Chess Club
 - i. Over 80 students participating
- d. MYRCA
 - i. Book club
- e. CMS News Crews
 - i. Film/videography/editing
- f. Basketball is running
 - i. Coaching is all covered
- g. Upcoming Grade Level Trips
 - i. Grade 7 theatre trip cancelled for the 2nd time and re-scheduled once again
 - ii. Grade 8 ski trip is Feb 9 (Falcon Ridge)
 - iii. Grade 5 Festival du Voyageur (at CMS)
 - iv. Grade 6 to MB Museum
 - 1. Arcade Fair
- h. Allies Group
 - i. Starting up again
 - ii. Hasn't been happening for several years
 - iii. Representatives from each class do some learning about a common language regarding mistreatments (eg. Put downs, exclusion, bullying)
 - iv. These representatives go back to the class and present to the class sharing the information they've learned
- i. Book Fair
 - i. Feb 13-17
 - ii. Families will be invited
- j. Portfolio Evening March 22
 - i. The portfolio evening is instead of parent teacher conferences
 - ii. Each student puts together a portfolio of learning
 - iii. The student will have the opportunity to show their parents their portfolio, and share about their learning
 - iv. The students will have an audience for the work they are doing which is a positive thing for them
 - v. The families will be allotted time to attend
- k. Report Cards
 - i. March 17
- l. Chocolate Fundraiser
 - i. Will start right after Spring Break for 2 weeks
 - ii. The intention is for the proceeds to go into the CMS playground
 - iii. Parent volunteers will be welcome
 - 1. 4 volunteers every morning (8:25-9:00) April 5-19
 - 2. We will discuss a volunteer schedule at our next PAC meeting (March 2)
- m. Grade 7 Healthy Lifestyles Unit

- i. From feedback received, it seems that parents needed more time to give consent than was originally given, so CMS will give more time, and not begin this unit as early as planned.
 - ii. The reason for it being taught a little earlier in the year, is because of talk on the playground
 - 1. The hope is that proper teaching will correct some of the problematic conversations
 - iii. Boys and girls are being taught together in their home room classes instead of separately as was done in the past
 - iv. The school is teaching the same curriculum as last year, nothing is changing
 - v. CMS will use the question box method
 - vi. Kids seem to have more reservations in their question asking when the genders are together
 - vii. Parents were given the opportunity to ask questions
- 5. Questions/Response to Principal Report
 - a. Invitation to PAC members to respond/ask questions
- 6. PAC Executive Positions for 2023/2024
 - a. Looking ahead to what the PAC's needs will be
 - b. We will need a PAC Chair, and PAC Vice Chair for Fall of 2023
- 7. Looking Ahead:
 - a. CMS Chocolate Fundraiser – Parent volunteers will be needed
 - b. April 25 HSD PAC Liaison Meeting
 - c. PAC Picnic Date
- 8. Next Meeting:
 - a. March 2 @12:00