

CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC AGM

Thursday, September 14, 2023

6:30 pm in the Library

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Candace Campbell, Melissa Thiessen, Wendy Bergen, Alina Sushko, Janelle Unrau, Angela Plett, Lisa Funk, Cara Duerksen, Kali Dyck, Tiffany Sawatzky, Jody Klebert, Sheri Bueckert, Adrienne Penner, Monika Patel, Jyotiba Zala, Miranda Hardy, Amanda Manchulenko, and Tanya Penner

1. Welcome & Introductions – Wendy Bergen

- Call to order at 6:31 pm

2. Review/Adoption of Minutes from 2022 AGM – Wendy Bergen

- Moved by Melissa. 2nd by Kali Dyck.

3. Elections – Wendy Bergen

- Current Executive Committee
 - *Chair* - Wendy Bergen finished her 3-year term.
 - *Vice Chair* - up for election for a 3-year term. Darlene Siemens has finished as she no longer has a child at CMS.
 - *Secretary* - Tanya Penner has 1 yr remaining on a 3-year term.
 - *Treasurer* - Melissa Thiessen has 2 years remaining on a 3-year term.
- Elections for 2023
 - *Chair* - Melissa Thiessen is allowing her name to stand for Chair. Opportunity given for other nominations. Melissa is in by acclamation.
 - *Vice Chair* - If you would like your name to stand please let Melissa Thiessen know.
 - *Treasurer* - Janelle Unrau is allowing her name to stand for Treasurer as Melissa accepted the role of Chair. Opportunity given for other nominations. Janelle is in by acclamation.

4. Special Events - Wendy Bergen

- Tanya Penner is our Coordinator. A small team will be formed for those who are interested in helping. This includes Staff Appreciation/School Picnic. Talk to Tanya if interested.

5. School Report – Merrilee Plett

New School Year:

- Thank you parents for being here. It takes parents and we are asking you to please walk beside us. If there is a problem please come and talk to us before it gets to be a big problem. We want CMS to be a safe place and also a place where students are challenged in their learning.
- 617 students at CMS. School is very busy and lots of anxieties for kids coming back to school.
- "Meet the Teacher" had a great turnout. About 90% of kids came with their parents. Partnership with parents is huge for the school.
- Grade 5 (6 classes), Grade 6 (6 classes), Grade 7 (7 classes)
- Grade 8 (6 classes): 28-29 students per class which is really big and comes with its challenges.

- Library had 3700 books signed out over summer.
- Munch A Lunch has started for September.
- Vending Machine was up but now broken.

Supply Lists

- Good responses from parents regarding this change. Had to do a slight increase in cost due to Tech/Home Ec fees.

School Goals:

- Reading: "Read to Learn" in Middle School. Good division support.
- Numeracy:
 - *Grade 5* - Math Facts
 - *Grade 6* - Multi Step Problems
 - *Grade 7* - Fractions
 - *Grade 8* - Number sense (does this make sense?).
- Writing: Student engagement - learn how to engage.

Umbrella Project

- "Rain" is gonna come (friendships/worry/hardship). Working on skills with students on how to get through this.

School Events/Activities:

- Cross Country: 96 signed up.
- *Volleyball*: 84 signed up.
- *Choir*, *Yearbook Team*, and *Grade 8 Gym Crew* have all started up.
- *Grade 5*: Bond Day @ the park. Great chance to get to know all the Grade 5 teachers.
- *Grade 7*: Spending the day in LaBroquere at the complex.
- *Terry Fox Run*: Target is to raise \$3000.
- *Orange Shirt Day*: September 29th. Having a Folkarama group come out.

Playground Update:

- Obstacle courses (different stations) like the "American Ninja". This will be done in phases.
- There have been some complications as there is geothermal throughout the playground. All playground equipment needs anchoring which may cause a problem.
- Hobbit Hill was taken down for safety however a new/ improved hill will be completed in Fall.

Crossing Guards:

- Crossing Guards start at 8:30 am. Kids are coming too early. Safety is our #1 concern.

Fundraisers:

- New Bothwell Cheese in Fall/Winter.

6. Questions/Response to Principal Report –Wendy Bergen

- Parents asked why we don't help with fundraisers. Response: kids want to do it and the school wants to give them these opportunities. Parents are busy and the school would rather they save the energy for their kids and come to PAC meetings.

7. Financial Report – Melissa Thiessen

- See handout.
- School has \$3000 in an account that was given by PAC.
- Balance as of August 31, 2023 is \$4511.13.
- In reserve we have \$190.31 for Teacher Appreciation.
- Our BBQ Fundraiser made \$2288.39.
- Grade 8 Farewell has \$111.44 remaining.
- Janelle Unrau's name will need to be added to account and Wendy Bergen's taken off. The Vice chair will also have signing authority.

8. Review Constitution - Wendy Bergen

- See Handout.
- No changes made. 2024 it will be reviewed again.

9. Meetings - Melissa Thiessen

- There was a discussion regarding the best time for meetings. It was decided we would mix up the meetings with some noon and evening times.
- Thursday, October 19th at 12:00 pm
- Thursday, November 16th at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm