

## CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING

Thursday, Nov.16, 2023

6:30 pm in Board Room

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Candace Campbell, Melissa Thiessen, Janelle Unrau, Carla Barkman, Marion Hiebert, Amanda Manchulenko, and Tanya Penner

### 1. Welcome - Melissa Thiessen

- Call to order at 6:32 pm

### 2. Adoption of Minutes from October 19, 2023 Meeting - Melissa Thiessen

- Moved by Carla Barkman. 2nd by Janelle Unrau.

### 3. Adoption of Agenda - Melissa Thiessen

- Moved by Carla Barkman. 2nd by Janelle Unrau.

### 4. Financial Report – Janelle Unrau

- See handout. Balance as of October 31, is \$4531.51
- Interest of \$.19. Teacher Appreciation expense is not on statement.
- Need to get our PAC account under \$3000.
- Motion to transfer \$3000 from PAC to CMS.
  - Moved by Carla Barkman. 2nd by Tanya Penner.
- Signing authority - Janelle Unrau and Melissa Thiessen.

### 5. Special Events - Tanya Penner

- November 9th the Exec Team agreed to get some snacks for the staff. Donuts from Bakeworld, fruit platter, and fresh coffee were brought in. \$134 was taken out of a reserve we have for Staff Appreciation.
- Christmas Goodies will be brought to the staff on Tuesday, December 19th at the first recess. We will do a sign up genius and have families sign up.

### 6. Grade 8 Farewell - Melissa Thiessen

- Neufeld Garage has been booked and does not require a deposit.

### 7. School Report – Merrilee Plett

#### EA Strike:

- The staff are doing "ok" but they value our EA's and really miss them.
- CMS is trying to make school as "normal as possible". All students can attend full time even without our EA's.
- Parent volunteers and sub EA's are filling roles. There are no temps at our school and all checks are being done for volunteers and subs.

#### Parent Teacher Meetings:

- November 15th. Great conversations between parents and staff.

#### School Events/Activities:

- *Volleyball*: going strong. First time ever that both girls and boys in Grade 8 will bring home the banner. Thankful for parent volunteers. Big thanks to Mr.Paton & Mr.Reimer who are very busy with booking games, refs, buses, and score keeping.
- *Basketball*: Sign ups will happen shortly. CMS will have several teams.
- Christmas Concerts: Band (November 30th) and Grade 5 (December 13).
- *Grade 5*: Swimming (December 21)
- *Grade 6*:SRSS Musical
- *Grade 6&7*: Steinbach Cinema
- *Talent Show*:
- *Grade 8*: Wheelies and IMAX (December 8)

#### Playground:

- Hopefully next week there will be some work done.

#### Fundraiser:

- New Bothwell cheese forms due next week.

#### Cell Phone Usage/School Devices:

- Staff have noticed few are on phones during recess/lunch.
- See handout "Raising Digitally Responsible Youth".
- Google chat has been shut down.

#### **8. Questions/Response to Principal Report –Melissa Thiessen**

- Parents asked about having swings on the playground. Merilee will look into that option.

#### **9. Meetings - Melissa Thiessen**

- Last meeting it was decided we would mix up the meetings with some noon and evening times. However, if we saw no difference in attendance we would stick to noon meetings. We only had 5 parents show up today which are the same ones that can attend a noon meeting so we will be having noon meetings onward.
- Next Meeting is January 11th at 12:00pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm