

CLEARSPRING MIDDLE SCHOOL PAC MEETING
Thursday, February 8th, 2024
12:00 pm Board Room

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Candace Campbell, Sherri Trinh, Melissa Thiessen, Janelle Unrau, Kali Dyck, Tiffany Sawatzky, Carla Barkman, Amanda Manchulenko, Tanya Penner, Marion Hiebert, and Cara Duerksen

1. Welcome - Melissa Thiessen

- Call to order at 12:01 pm

2. Adoption of Minutes from January 11, 2024 Meeting - Melissa Thiessen

- Moved by Carla Barkman. 2nd by Marion Hiebert.

3. Adoption of Agenda - Melissa Thiessen

- Moved by Janelle Unrau. 2nd by Tanya Penner.

4. Financial Report – Janelle Unrau

- See handout. Balance as of January 31, 2024 is \$1463.95.
- Interest of \$0.06.

5. School Report – Merrilee Plett

School Drills:

- Will always Bright Arrow parents so that students are aware of drills that are coming up.

School Events/Activities:

- *Basketball*: lots of coaches and teams.
- *Grade 8*: had a great day at Falcon Ski Day.
- *Grade 6*: MB Museum coming up.
- *Destination 100*: Fitness Club that will happen each recess for a month.
- *Grade 7 & 8 Provincial Assessment*: This will happen throughout the month. In March parents will receive their copies with their child's assessment.
 - Grade 7's are focused on Math.
 - Grade 8's on Reading & Writing.
- *Book Fair*: starting February 12th.
- *Chocolate Fundraiser*: will start at the end of February. Funds raised will go towards the playground.

HSD School Attendance:

- HSD is noticing that many students are not attending school regularly. It is becoming problematic with 10% of students missing an average of 2 days/month. With CMS alone, 100 students fall into this category.
- Students are falling behind in their work which equals extra anxiety.
- HSD is looking at better ways to address this problem as there are a lot of unexcused absences. The division is making a new attendance policy of unexcused absences. "What is the barrier and how do we get them to school".

6. HSD Budget Report – Merrilee Plett

- Please view the “Public Consultation on Budget 2024-2025” Handout.
- A lot of information was shared regarding the Budget and how it affects HSD. Examples of how CMS is affected...
 - 3-5 year wait on psych assessments.
 - No literacy or numeracy support.
 - Harder to get coaches to supervise after school sport events or coach school teams as they are spread thin during the day.
 - Large class sizes.
- “Impact is big and not sustainable”

7. Questions/Response to Principal Reports –Melissa Thiessen

- Lots of discussion among parents about the Budget and how we can help.

8. HSD Board/PAC Liaison Meeting (January 30) - Melissa Thiessen

- Tiffany S and Melissa T were in attendance and gave a report.
- The focus of the Board/PAC Liaison meeting was the student surveys and mental health.

9. Grade 8 Farewell - Melissa Thiessen

- June 26th.
- 1 Rep is needed from PAC. Looking for a planning committee. A few have offered to be on it but not willing to lead the committee.
- Grade 8 parents will receive an email from the school in regards to the first meeting.

10. Meetings - Melissa Thiessen

- Next Meeting is Thursday, March 7th at 12:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm

*Added note that was discussed after the meeting.

11. Special Events - Tanya Penner

- Tanya will order cupcakes from BakeWorld for our next Staff Appreciation. “Valentine’s Day” - February 13th There is money in our Appreciation fund so there is no expense to PAC.