

Clearspring Middle School PAC AGM

Wednesday, Sept 11, 2024, 6:30 pm in the library

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Candace Campbell, Jesse Snyder, Melissa Thiessen, Janelle Unrau, Katherine Peters, Joanne DeGuzman, Carla Barkman, Kali Dyck, Jody Klebert, Josh Loewen, Adrienne Penner, Tiffany Plett and Abraham Loewen

1. Welcome & Introductions – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Call to order at 6:34 pm

2. Review/adoption of Minutes from 2023 AGM – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Moved by Carla, 2nd by Janelle

3. Adoption of Agenda – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Moved by Kali, 2nd by Janelle

4. Elections – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Current Executive Committee:
 - i. Chair – Melissa Thiessen (2 years remaining)
 - ii. Vice Chair – Position is up for re-election (1 year remaining). Tiffany Sawatzky will not have a child at CMS this year.
 - iii. Treasurer – Janelle Unrau (1 year remaining)
 - iv. Secretary – Position is up for re-election (3 years remaining). Tanya Penner no longer has a child at CMS.
- b. Elections for 2024:
 - i. Secretary – Adrienne Penner nominates Tiffany Plett. Tiffany accepts. Opportunity given for other nominations. Kali moves to cease nominations, Jody 2nds. Adrienne is in by acclamation.
 - ii. Vice Chair – Carla nominates Janelle Unrau. Janelle accepts. Opportunity given for other nominations. Tiffany moves to cease nominations, Jody 2nds. Janelle is in by acclamation.

5. Special Events -Melissa Thiessen

- a. No volunteers to act as coordinator. Will re-visit at next meeting. Teacher appreciation can be done on case-by-case basis.

6. School Report – Merrilee Plett (Principal)

- a. Positive start to the school year. Meet the teacher night was extremely well-attended (some classes had 100% attendance!). Please reach out if there are any questions or concerns. We are committed to partnering with parents.
- b. 599 students at CMS. Six classes of each grade. Grade 8 classes are very large.
- c. Goals for this year are numeracy, writing and student engagement (social/emotional, academic & intellectual). Growth mindset vs. fixed mindset.
- d. Cell phone policy going well. Lots of parental support.
- e. Munch-a-lunch and canteen starting up. Lots of interest.
- f. Extra-curriculars have started
 - i. Cross Country – over 110 and climbing
 - ii. Volleyball – 87 (still looking for volunteers)
 - iii. Choir Clubs – stay tuned

- iv. Yearbook team (Gr 7 & 8) started
 - g. Learning Trips:
 - i. Grade 5 Bond Day – Sept 19 – afternoon of outdoor games
 - ii. Grade 7 Bond Day – Sept 24 – all day event in La Broquerie including hotdog lunch (\$5)
 - h. Terry Fox Run – Sept 23 – trying to reach \$3000 goal. Use online link.
 - i. Orange Shirt Day – Sept 27 – Suns of the Drum assembly
 - j. Playground – Hobbit Hill is finally complete! Looking to add other obstacles. Multi-year project.
 - k. Vaccinations – Oct 17. Parent volunteers needed.
 - l. Crossing Guards – begin at 8:30. Students encouraged to come closer to 8:45.
 - m. Fundraising – New Bothwell Cheese Fundraiser to happen before Christmas.
 - n. Newsletter – Goes out the first week of the month. Email will go out. Working on more Instagram posts as well.
 - o. Thank you to parents!
- 7. Questions/Responses to Principal Report**
- a. What are class sizes? Grade 5 – 23-25, Grade 6 – 26-27, Grade 7 – 24, Grade 8 – 27-28.
 - b. Discussion about geothermal concerns for future playground equipment.
- 8. Financial Report – Janelle Unrau**
- a. BBQ Fundraiser profit: \$954.06
 - b. Grade 8 Farewell was short by \$15.74. Board agreed in June to cover costs. Farewell committee had already donated items from the event to the school.
 - c. Current Balance: \$3220.32
 - d. Only transactions over summer were cheques from BBQ and Grade 8 grad and interest income.
- 9. Review Constitution – Melissa Thiessen**
- a. No changes recommended. Melissa moved to approve as-is. 2nd by Tiffany. Motion passed. Next review will be in 2026.
- 10. Next Meeting**
- a. Next meeting will be held Oct 10th at Noon. Discussion was had about meeting times. 2 people preferred evenings over noon. Will revisit at Oct meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.