

Clearspring Middle School PAC Meeting

Thursday, March 6th, 2025 @ Noon in the Conference Room

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Candace Campbell, Sherri Trinh, Melissa Thiessen, Cara Duerksen, Jody Klebert, Janelle Unrau, Kali Dyck

1. Welcome – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Call to order at 12:03 pm

2. Adoption of Minutes from January 23, 2025 Meeting – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Moved by Cara Duerksen. 2nd by Janelle Unrau

3. Adoption of Agenda – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Moved by Jody Klebert. 2nd by Cara Duerksen

4. Treasurer Report – Janelle Unrau

- a. Financials
 - i. See handout
 - ii. Current balance \$2,617.89

. Principal Report – Merrilee Plett

- a. The number of registered students at CMS this year is just under 600. We are projected to be over 600 next year.
- b. Hanover School Division has begun discussing staffing changes for fall of 2025
 - i. Teaching staff with permanent status receive priority to transfer within the division
 - ii. After these changes, teachers outside the division can apply for available positions.
 - iii. Majority of positions will be filled by the end of March.
 - iv. Seeing a lack of applicants both in HSD and across Canada. There is a decrease in numbers of those entering the educational department.
 - v. Currently there is a staff member on leave at CMS. This position was able to be filled internally.
- c. Grade 8 ski trips were cancelled due to extreme cold weather.
 - i. Cancelling school related trips is never an easy decision.
 - ii. A number of factors such as extreme weather, busing, safety of students are to be considered.
 - iii. rescheduled dates are to be announced shortly based on conditions.
- d. Grade 7 Festival Du Voyageur field trip shortened due to extreme cold weather
 - i. Admin decided to shorten the field trip to allow students the opportunity to

attend. It was decided that students would leave later to allow for warmer weather in the afternoon. This also provided staff with more time to make sure students were dressed accordingly for the weather.

ii. This was the first time CMS has attended this field trip, so many factors were unknown.

e. Upcoming dates

- i. March 19th Grade 5 vision screening
- ii. March 21st report cards available in parent portal
- iii. March 26th portfolio night
- iv. March 28th last day of classes before spring break
- v. Spring break March 31-April 4th
- vi. Grade 6 Little Mermaid production April 23 & 24th
- vii. April 8th Guest Canadian author Sigmund Brouwer run workshops with Grade 7 classes.

f. Badminton

- i. Sign ups will be posted for students in grade 7 & 8.
- ii. **Parent supervision is needed, since this is a highly anticipated sport.**
- iii. Average about 100 students that will sign up for either competitive or recreational.

g. Healthy lifestyle

- i. There will be a divisional letter sent home to families.
- ii. CMS will offer a information night for families prior to these classes
- iii. Grade 7 classes will be in April
- iv. Grade 5 classes will be in May.

6. Questions & Responses to Principal Report – Melissa Thiessen

- a. A question was brought up about Holiday Mountain as a potential option for grade 8 ski day.
 - i. At this time CMS has been satisfied with going to Falcon Lake.
 - ii. Falcon Lake is closer and offers a variety of options: skiing, snowboarding, tubing, cross-country skiing.
- b. Why is there not a roller skating event planned for the grade 8s?
 - i. CMS has decided not to offer this event as it is an added financial cost to families and many events have already been planned for grade 8s to look forward to.

7. Grade 8 Farewell

- a. Friedensfeld Hall has been changed to June 23 to accommodate SRSS grad.
- b. Heidi Wohlgemuth will lead the planning committee. Approximately 30 parents have signed up to help.

8. Staff Appreciation

- a. Staff appreciation will be discussed at the next meeting in April.

9. Next Meeting – Thursday April 10th at noon

Meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm.