

Clearspring Middle School PAC Meeting

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at noon in the conference room

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Amanda Manchulenko, Melissa Thiessen, Janelle Unrau,
Kali Dyck, Cara Duerksen

Welcome – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Call to order at 12:05 pm

1. Adoption of Minutes from March 6, 2025 meeting– Melissa Thiessen

- a. Moved by Kali Dyck, 2nd by Janelle Unrau

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Moved by Cara Duerksen, 2nd by Kali Dyck

3. Treasurer Report – Janelle Unrau

- a. See attached handout

4. Principal Report – Merrilee Plett

- a. There will be a number of staff transferring to other schools in fall of 2025
 - i. Jon Kornelsen – Niverville High School
 - ii. Jesse Snyder – SRSS
 - iii. Elizabeth Janzen – Mitchell Middle School
- b. Hanover School Division continues to offer proactive response to the need for additional teaching staff. Offering both effective advertising and support to help fill these positions within the division.
- c. Deadline for teaching staff considering retirement is April 30th 2025
- d. Portfolio evening
 - i. Positive response from families who attended this event
- e. Grade 6 Musical
 - i. Students are working extremely hard, as they anticipate the upcoming Musical event.
 - ii. Performance dates – April 23/24 at 7pm

- f. Badminton is in full swing
 - i. Athletes are preparing for the upcoming tournament at SRSS
 - ii. CMS is able to send 16 teams of Grade 7 & 8 students
- g. Track and Field
 - i. Grade 5, 6, & 7 students will have track and field at CMS
 - ii. Changes to Division track and field was a Divisional decision. In the past, top competitors in Grade 5/6 could advance to Divisional Meet. This has been changed to only include Grade 7 & 8 students.
 - iii. Unfortunately, the Divisional Track Day is unable to host the high volume of students that participate from the entire Division every year.
- h. Healthy Lifestyles Classes
 - i. CMS offered a parent info night this past week, allowing parents the opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming classes.
 - ii. Grade 7 classes will begin next week
 - iii. Grade 5 classes will start in May
- i. Chocolate Fundraiser
 - i. Students who are participating in selling, would have received their boxes.
 - ii. All cash and unsold boxes are due Wednesday April 23
- j. Merrilee Plett will be meeting with Valleywest to discuss potential options of future playground additions.
 - i. Since CMS has existing Geothermal heating pipes underground, there is uncertainty of the actual depth of the pipes. Making it a challenge to make any changes to the existing playground.
- k. Upcoming dates:
 - i. April 14 – Admin/PD day – no classes
 - ii. April 18 – Good Friday – no classes
 - iii. April 23/24 – Grade 6 Musical
 - iv. April 29/30 – Grade 5 Poet Tea
 - v. May 2 – Grade 8 Medieval Feast
 - vi. May 13 Immunizations – Grade 6/8
 - vii. May 15 – Parent night for those students entering Grade 5 in 2025
 - viii. May 19 – Victoria Day – no classes
 - ix. May 22 – Grade 7 field trip to Goldeyes game
 - x. May 27 – Grade 6 track and field at CMS
 - xi. May 28 – Grade 5 track and fields at CMS

xii. May 30 & 31 – Grade 8 Band trip

6. Grade 8 Farewell (June 23rd) – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Heidi Wohlgemuth led the first meeting on Monday April 7
- b. Positive turnout from parents.
- c. Committees are being formed

7. Staff Appreciation – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Easter event - TBD

8. CMS PAC BBQ – Friday, June 20th – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Our only fundraiser of the year
- b. Need to form a planning committee

9. HSD Board/PAC Liaison Meeting – April 29th at 6:30 – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Would any members like to attend?
- b. Melissa would need to provide HSD with numbers of those attending

10. Next Meeting – Thursday May 8th at Noon

Meeting adjourned at 12:53 pm