

Clearspring Middle School PAC Meeting

Thursday, May 8, 2025 at noon in the conference room

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Melissa Thiessen, Janelle Unrau, Kali Dyck, Jody Klebert,
Cara Duerksen

Welcome – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Call to order at 12:02 pm

1. Adoption of Minutes from April 10, 2025 meeting – Melissa Thiessen

- a. Moved by Jody Klebert, 2nd by Janelle Unrau

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Melissa Thiessen

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

3. Treasurer Report – Janelle Unrau

- a. See attached handout

4. Principal Report – Merrilee Plett

- a. Little Mermaid production was a great success! Students worked extremely hard. Students had the ability to assist in multiple ways. Performing in lead roles, chorus, stage crew, and sound tech.
- b. Badminton is well under way. Over 130 students signed up, for either competitive or recreational options. Extremely grateful for our gym teachers, staff and volunteers for helping provide this opportunity to further build our school community.
- c. Grade 5's will begin the healthy lifestyles classes next week
 - i. Parent night was hosted last week, providing opportunities for families to be well informed and ask further questions.
- d. Grade 6 Band recruitment has begun.
Grade 6 students have visited the Band room and have been given opportunities to try out multiple instruments.
 - i. May 13th parent night. Allows parents to receive further information from the band department and provides students further opportunity to try out instruments.

- e. Grade 8 band field trip. Students spent the day performing for schools within the Division. Students started off at Woodlawn Elementary, Kleefeld, and SRSS.
- f. Grade 8 Band trip will be held on May 30/31 in Brandon
 - i. This is an invitational opportunity for students to attend. Students will be staying at Brandon University. This year, there will be 3-4 schools from within Hanover Division. Students will participate in workshops throughout the weekend.
- g. CMS will not be participating in the Dragon boat Festival this year. It is becoming more difficult for staff to facilitate this event.
- h. CMS fundraiser brought in \$10,800 combined this year.
 - i. \$9,000 Chocolate sales, \$1,800 cheese
- i. Planning stages with Valley west. They have compiled a number of 3D renderings for future modular play systems. This provides students with the access for free play movement. These modular systems will be completed in stages, allowing the school to add completed zones over a number of years.
- j. All staff have been hired for the upcoming Fall 2025.
 - i. EA staffing is still in progress.
 - ii. Learning partner request forms are in.
 - iii. Creating classrooms is a complex system. Many factors are needing to be discussed when planning for the upcoming school year.
- k. School day schedule shifting as a result of an updated teacher contract. Both morning and afternoon recesses will be shortened by 1-2 minutes, and the noon recess will be a couple of minutes longer
 - i. Homeroom reading program will also be shortend.
- l. The Divisional Calendar has changed for the upcoming fall.
 - i. Meet the teacher will be on Wednesday, September 3th
 - ii. First day of classes will be on Thursday, September 4th
- m. Upcoming dates for May/June

May 8	Grade 8 Divisional Band Tour
May 13am	Grade 6/8 Immunizations
May 13	Grade 6 Band info Night 5:00 pm
May 15	Incoming Grade 5 Parent Information Evening 7:00 pm

May 16	Joy Smith Online Safety Presentations Grade 6-8
May 22	Grade 5 Simple Machines Science Fair
May 22	Grade 7 Goldeyes Game
May 26	CMS Grade 7 Track at CMS
May 27	CMS Grade 6 Track at CMS
May 28	CMS Grade 5 Track at CMS
May 30-31	Grade 8 Band Trip
June 3	Grade 7 Divisional Track Meet (for qualifying students)
June 4	Grade 7 & 8 Band Concert at 7:00 pm
June 5	Grade 8 Divisional Track Meet (for qualifying students)
June 17	Grade 6 Zoo Trip
June 17-19	Grade 5 Firehall Trips
June 20	PAC BBQ
June 23	Soccer
June 23	Grade 8 Farewell
June 24	Grade 8 Camp Manitou
June 25	Grade 7 swimming
June 26	Last Day of classes & Report Cards

5. Question/Responses to Principal Report

- a. A parent inquired about the \$40 field trip fee that was requested in beginning of the school year. Students are scheduled to attend bowling and Lower Fort Garry. This is under the amount required for these trips.
- b. Merrilee responded that the excess amount will carry over in the students' school accounts for the upcoming year.

6. Grade 8 Farewell – Melissa Thiessen

- i. Is Scheduled for June 23rd.
- ii. Committee is looking for a new committee leader and treasurer
- iii. Next meeting is May 12th at 7pm

7. Staff Appreciation – Melissa Thiessen

- a. PAC discussed the option of an ice cream bar for the month of June (June 10)
- b. Jody offered to create a signup genius for this event, for families to participate.

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

- a. Planning committee includes Cara, Janelle, Carla, Marian and Melissa
- b. Need to select a date for the planning committee to connect.

9. HSD Board/PAC Liaison Meeting – April 15th Melissa Thiessen

10. PAC Chair for next school year – Melissa Thiessen
 - a. Is anyone interested or have recommendations?

11. Next Meeting – Thursday June 5th at Noon

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm