

Clearspring Middle School PAC Meeting

Tuesday, November 25, 2005 at noon in the conference room

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Candace Campbell, Kelly Friesen, Carla Barkman,
Angela Plett, Annette Kehler, Kali Dyck, Cara Duerksen, Janelle Unrau

Welcome – Call to Order at 12:02 pm

1. Adoption of Minutes from October 22, 2005 meeting – Cara Duerksen
 - a. Moved by Janelle Unrau, 2nd by Cara Duerksen
2. Adoption of the Agenda – Cara Duerksen
 - a. Moved by Carla Barkman, 2nd by Janelle Unrau
3. Treasurer Report – Kali Dyck
 - a. Closing balance \$3,972.99
4. Principal Report – Merrilee Plett
 - a. Parent Teacher meetings received a great turn out. Meeting time slots filled up quickly making it a challenge for some parents to select actual times. The school was able to adjust and make alternate appointments.
 - i. Report cards will be issued on December 5th.
 - b. Volleyball season has officially wrapped up. 10 teams were able to participate this season. A big THANK YOU to Mr. Paul Reimer and Mr. Trevor Payton. Our gym teachers play a pivotal role in organizing both gym and bus scheduling. As well as provide extra gym time during lunch to practice.
 - c. Basketball signups have gone out. Please check your email for a link to sign your child up for this season.
 - i. **Looking for coaches!!** Currently there are no coaches signed up to help with either team. If you are interested, please contact the school.
 - d. Christmas Concerts
 - i. Grade 7 & 8 Band concert is Wednesday December 3rd at 7pm.
 - ii. Grade 5 concert will be Wednesday, December 10th at 7pm
 - *There will also be an afternoon concert as well. Email to follow on exact time. Encouraging as many families to attend in the afternoon to alleviate space in the evening.

- iii. Extremely grateful to the Divisional Maintenance Department that is in charge of setting up stage equipment and chairs for both events.
- e. The Choir Club has received a huge turnout this year. Students will perform at Cedarwood (seniors housing) manor on Thursday December 11th.
- f. Bothwell Cheese fundraiser was successful.
 - i. Delivery date is December 9th
- g. Playground improvement has been approved by the division.
 - i. A second swing set and climbing obstacle course will be added sometime in Spring. Future modules will be added as funds are raised.
- h. Year books will be available for purchase either online or at the office. Cost will be \$35.00. Both online and cash options. Mr. Buhler will be assisting the year book committee this year.
- i. Budget Board meeting presented to PAC members in October. The increasing needs of the schools within HSD continues to grow. Though the funds allocated to meet those needs do not match. Compared to other Divisions, Hanover School Division continues to be on the lower end of funds received to help support the diverse needs within our schools.
 - i. CMS requested additional funds. Our school received 6 hours of additional EA support.
 - ii. For further information on this meeting, visit HSD website (public budget consultation meeting 2025/2026)

5. Questions/Response to Principal Report

- a. A question was raised on what our school is doing to help create a better awareness on how to help eliminate spread of germs. An idea to help encourage more frequent hand washing.
- b. Another question brought forward about busing for extra curricular sports events. Wondering if this is an efficient use of funds? Often busing home from games will have only a handful of players. Though this question has been raised before, the school wants to ensure transportation is not a barrier for student participation. Relying on volunteer drivers involves a lot of paper work for students and staff.

6. Grade 8 Farewell

a. Friedensfeld is booked for June 24th 2026. This date was initially set, as it did not conflict with SRSS Grad. It was brought up that Grad is on this date. PAC will contact and change the date for the Farewell celebration.

7. Staff Appreciation

a. Treats for the staff planned for December 12th. A sign up genius will be created to allow families the opportunity to sign up.

8. The next meeting is booked for Tuesday, January 13th from 12-1 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:22pm.