

Clearspring Middle School PAC Meeting

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at noon in the conference room

Attendance, Merrilee Plett, Jody Klebert, Carla Barkman, Janelle Unrau, Kali Dyck, Cara Duerksen, Rachelle Dickey, Annette Kehler, Kelly Friesen

Welcome – Call to order at 11:59 am

1. Adoption of the minutes from January 13, 2026 meeting – Cara Duerksen
 - a. Moved by Jody Klebert, seconded by Carla Barkman
2. Adoption of the Agenda – Cara Duerksen
 - a. Moved by Janelle Unrau, seconded by Jody Klebert
3. Treasurer Report – Kali Dyck
 - a. Closing balance: \$3,041.46
 - b. Staff Appreciation funds \$293.56
 - *Remainder of funds will be used towards a future staff appreciation
4. Principal Report – Merrilee Plett
 - a. Staff
 - i. Merrilee will be back full time in March
 - ii. Amanda Manchulenko is back at half time for the mornings
 - b. Book Fair was a great success!
 - i. Raised a little over \$5,600. Funds raised are used to purchase additional books for literary support as well as STEM use.
 - ii. Books that were needing to be ordered are on the way.
 - iii. A big THANK YOU to Arlene Baldwin for organizing this!
 - c. Fundraiser – Chocolate fundraiser will run from March 12-26th
 - i. Funds raised will be used for playground improvements
 - ii. A quote from Valleywest has been received. Merrilee is waiting for Valleywest and the Divisional office to meet in order to move forward with this project.
 - d. Healthy lifestyles unit – Grade 7's will meet in April
Grade 5's will meet in May
 - i. More information to follow in regards to a parent night
 - ii. There is always the option to opt out if families feel it is necessary.

- e. Staff and Students have opportunity to participate in Pink Shirt day
 - i. This is both recognized at a provincial and national level
 - ii. Students will be shown a video pertaining to this event
 - iii. Separate videos shown for grades 5-6 and 7-8

- f. Sock Hop event – Grade 7's are planning this event with PAC permission.
 - i. This is a fun opportunity for students to enjoy a fun school event.
 - ii. There are options for those who do not wish to participate. Either a quiet space or outdoor sports activity.
 - iii. Event will take place over 2 periods (70 mins)
 - iv. Photo booths, canteen will be available for treats.
 - v. please note: This is not considered a romantic dance activity

Motion for CMS to move forward with planning this event – Cara Duerksen
 Moved by Janelle Unrau, Seconded by Kali Dyck
 All in favour – YES

- g. Important Dates:
 - *February 23rd SRSS staff with visit Grade 8's at CMS to discuss registration.
 - *February 25th – SRSS football team will come to CMS to discuss upcoming spring camp
 - *March 4&5 – Grade 8 Ski trip. Extremely low attendance this year.
 - *March 20th – Report cards will be available
 - *March 25th – Portfolio night. More info to follow
 - * March 3rd – parent meeting to discuss Grade 8 Farewell
 - *March 18th – Grade 7's attending Moose game in Winnipeg

5. Questions/response to Principal Report

A question was asked about how the chocolate fundraiser is run. Arlene

- Arlene Baldwin is in charge of this event. Permission slips will be sent out.
- Families can choose whether or not to participate.
- No parent volunteers needed.
- Families can pre pay for boxes of chocolates to sell.
- Selling both Worlds Finest chocolates (Laura Secord and chocolate almonds)

6. Grade 8 Farewell

- a. A Parent meeting will be held on March 3rd in the library to discuss this event and form a committee.

7. Staff Appreciation

Appreciation date will be determined

8. Next meeting will be on March 17th, 2026 at noon