

Clearspring Middle School PAC Meeting

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

Attendance: Merrilee Plett, Candace Campbell, Janelle Unrau, Angela Plett, Marian Hiebert, Kali Dyck, Jody Klebert, Rachel Dickey, Cara Duerksen, Kelly Friesen

Welcome – Call to order at 12:01pm

1. Adoption of Minutes from February 17, 2026 meeting – Cara Duerksen a.
Moved by Kali Dyck, seconded by Jody Klebert
2. Adoption of the Agenda – Cara Duerksen
a. Moved by Kali Dyck, seconded by Jody Klebert
3. Treasurer Report – Kali Dyck
 - a. Ending Balance: \$3,041.58
 - b. Staff Appreciation funds \$293.56
*funds will be used towards staff appreciation on March 27th
4. Principal Report – Merrilee Plett
 - a. Staff Update:
 - i. Matthew Hoskins (Grade 8) is transferring to Green Valley for fall. This position is posted on the HSD website.
 - ii. The process of hiring has already begun, in order to fill this position. It has become increasingly difficult to hire, due to the lack of applicants within the division.
 - iii. The school population will be decreasing this fall. In result to recent rezoning, Woodlawn & Elmdale students will attend CMS, Parkhill & Southwood students will attend SMS.
 - iv. School population will likely decrease to 125 Grade 5's, Instead of 150.
 - v. First time CMS will have 5 Grade 5 classes instead of 6.
 - b. Portfolio night
 - i. Report cards will be released on Parent portal this Friday at 4pm
 - ii. Portfolio night is Wednesday March 25
 - iii. Families should have already received information to sign up for a time slot to meet with teachers.

- c. The talent show will take place on Friday March 27th in the morning.
- d. Musical
 - i. Grade 6's students will perform Frozen on April 22 & 23
 - ii. Expanding dress rehearsal invitation to Woodlawn Grade 3 students, Grade 4 students from Elmdale, and MMS choir students.
- e. Healthy Lifestyle for Grade 7 and 5 students
 - i. Grade 7 Parent information night will be on April 20th (more information to follow)
 - ii. Classes are taught with boys and girls together. Including a Male and female teacher for each class. Classes taught by Paul Reimer, Lynn Albig, Meyson Martens, Alex Nikkel
 - iii. Grade 5 students classes will be taught on May 4,5,6
 - iv. Grade 5 Students will be taught boys and girls separately.
 - v. Classes are taught by Steven Schapansky, Tracey Sawatzky, Sara Heese, Trevor Paton
 - vi. Parents are able to have their child opt out of this program.
- f. Badminton: Online permission forms have been sent out. There is a positive response so far. Families will receive further information on practice schedule time.
- g. Val Caldwell will present information about the importance of online safety and use of technology. There will be Grade 5/6 and 7/8 information presentations.
 - i. May 19th Val will present at a separate parent night. Offering more in depth information to help bridge the gap between Students and parents. Providing information to better understand common concerns facing youth today.
 - ii. More information to follow

5. Questions/ Response to Principal Report

- a. A parent expressed gratitude to CMS staff for providing students the opportunity to participate in a school dance. A great turn out from students.
- b. When will Badminton start and is this an in school or after school event? Families should receive information shortly about practice times. Students have the opportunity to practice during scheduled school time as well as after school hours.

6. Grade 8 Farewell (June 25). The first meeting went well. Next meeting is planned for March 24 at 6:30 in the Library.

7. Staff Appreciation is on March 27th. Jody will use existing funds to purchase Donuts and drinks for staff.

8. HSD Board/PAC liaison meeting is on April 9th, 7-9pm at SRSS. HSD school Trustees have invited all parents to listen to speaker Bonnie Randall. Bonnie is a national trainer with the center for trauma informed practices and a clinical social worker.

9. Next meeting April 21st at noon

Meeting adjourned at 12:49pm