



CMS PAC Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2022

19 October 2022 / 7:00 PM / CMS Library

In Attendance: Pollaris, Rebecca, Stefanie, Ryan Pastorchik, Erin MacIntosh, Jamie, Nicole, Karen, Jackie, Lisa, Diana.

Call to Order 7:00

Acknowledgement that we are on the unceded territories of the Stolo peoples whose land upon we work, live and play.

Adoption of the Agenda

- Approved Rebecca/Jackie

Approval of September, 2022, Minutes

- All Approved.

Reports

- **Principals Report – (see attached report for more information)**
 - Smoky skies – with the increased particular matter due to wildfires affecting the valley, student exposure to outside has been limited.
 - Ventilation have been set to minimize the pull of outside air, meaning we are continually recycling and passing air through the 13 MERV filters.
 - These MERV filters, filter out the particular matter in the air and the ventilation systems also monitor CO2 levels.
 - Affordability Fund – One time funding has been announced by the Ministry of Education to help school districts to increase food security for students and families. Athletic fees have been removed for the year. Those students who have already paid for the year will receive a credit on their account.

- Suggestions were given for use of the fund, which included grab and go snacks in class, supplies that can be shared in class, extra binders etc. Further suggestions can be suggested to management team.
- School vision – creating a safe, caring and empowering environment where students and staff thrive. It is about using the tools for students to learn at their own speed.
- Drill week – This week we have begun practicing hold and secure and lockdown drills. Evacuation drills have been postponed due to the smoky skies.
- Treasurer's Report
 - Please see attached report
 - Question was asked about whether the costs of Grade 8 hoodies would be shared again this year between the school and PAC.
- DPAC Report
 - There was a special blanket ceremony this month at DPAC and therefore not much else was discussed. Diana did mention that while it was open to all parents there could be an opportunity for another blanket ceremony for just parents.

Special Orders

- The CMS constitution needs to be reviewed and updated.
- Polly and Rebecca volunteered to review and update.

New Business

- **Gaming Grant** - Discussions were held for gaming grant ideas. We still have some money left over from COVID years and therefore this is a sizable amount to use.
- Play structures were mentioned, to add to those put in a few years ago.
- Look at habitat website for ideas – parkour and climbing walls were brought up.
- **Lunch Times** – as mentioned in the weekly update there was a change to the amount of lunch time that was brought in a few weeks ago. As per the Collective Agreement with teachers and the SD, it was found that prep time was not being adequately used at CMS. 15 minutes have been taken back.

- Students are allowed to eat inside and do not have to eat outside. That was a miscommunication. However, some classes are told to leave the class to eat while others get that time. Pac has asked Ryan and Erin to ask teachers what they are doing and get back to PAC at the next meeting.
- All parents present were concerned with the lack of proper eating time.
- There is always a place to eat inside and with the colder weather coming they will be providing further areas outside of classrooms for eating.
- **Suitability of Classrooms** – Last year some reservations were made about two grade 7/mixed classes that have to use a stage and another room without adequate windows.
- Management checked in with the SD again and it does meet the building code. Rooms do not need to have two exits. The school is not allowed anymore portables with the multi-use spaces available.

Unfinished Business

- **Walkway** adjacent to school
- City staff and staff from the SD met to talk about the public right of way that is adjacent to the school and the playing fields. Discussions were had to make the pathway more distinguished, especially due to the vicinity of the school to the transient population. The public path is used by a lot of students to access the two schools. Open to the idea for the fields to not be so open.
- Every Child Matters sign – This will be updated with salmon that the students recently decorated.

Adjournment 8:30

NOTES

- Next Meeting is on November 16th, 2022, 7:00 PM, at the School Library