



CMS MEETING MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2023

Held at Chilliwack Middle School

Members Present:

Pollaris Raymond	Chair
Jamie Benton	Vice Chair
Charlotte Lambert	Secretary
Debra Ercanbrack	Treasurer
Erin McAstocker	Principal
Stacey Pickles	Vice Principal
Jennipher	Parent
Devin	Parent

Regrets:	Diana Heidinger	DPAC Rep
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1. CALL TO ORDER – CMS LIBRARY

1.1. Called to Order

- Polly Raymond, Chair, welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.
- Called to order 7:00 PM

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

- Jennipher motions to adopt the agenda.
- Deb Seconds.

1.3. Introductions

- Introduction of both Principal and Vice Principal, as well as parents.

2. REPORTS

2.1 Principal's Report

Please note the attached Principal's Report. Mrs. Mc Astocker went through each subject, with the below as notable additions:

- Approx. 600 students currently, still having registrants.
- Affordability Fund all spent. Starfish funding is lower this year; approximately 40+ families less. CMS expects to feel this hit. Hoping there will be additional funds and supports to be seen, supplementing the families in need.
- Clubs – Chilliwack Community Services facilitates the current offered clubs with teacher volunteers offering to supervise. Teacher led clubs will commence this fall.
- Truth & Reconciliation – October 6th, Entire SD33 staff will be bussing to BC Coliseum to hear speakers share and educate. Mrs. Pickles sits on this committee; highly anticipates this event.
- Advisory Committee for Inclusive Education (ACIE): 5 Parent Volunteers are needed. Mrs. Mc Astocker invites all parents to consider the opportunity and reach out if available and interested.
- Charlotte asked the principals if they were aware of the abuse of sanitary napkins in the girls' bathrooms, as this was a concern communicated to Charlotte by a students' mother. Principals are both fully aware of this and unfortunately it is ongoing, Admin and Custodial staff are handling it the best they can.

2.2 Treasurer Report:

- A \$13,000.00 cheque is outstanding, from PAC to office. Jamie is looking into this and will follow up immediately.
- Nothing else is outstanding in the accounts.

2.3 DPAC Report:

- No report at this time, as first meeting will be next week and DPAC Rep is absent from tonight's meeting.
- Jamie raised a concern and questioned if Cyberbullying can be a focus through the DPAC level. Mrs. Mc Astocker and Mrs. Pickles confirmed that social/cyber threats are a valid concern; other present parents agree. Conversation continues around how to manage this – possibly Mad Hatter on a school level if DPAC cannot facilitate this request.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Attendees shared why they are excited and concerned about for their children to attend CMS; what has the child enjoyed/not enjoyed? An extremely positive and reciprocal conversation came from both parents and Admin. Admin would like to share the feedback with their staff.

3.2 ERASE: is an option for students and parents to submit bullying anonymously, as it is submitted to the SD directly and then passed down the line to the appropriate Admin. PAC will communicate this to parents.

3.3 Conversation around use of PAC FB group and upping involvement.

3.4 Polly will ensure PAC Exec. Team has access to CRC's this week. Exec. Team are required to submit their CRC's ASAP to the school board office.

4. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 16TH AT 7:00 PM IN THE CMS LIBRARY

5. AJOURNMENT: 8:09 PM

September Update:

Enrollment/Staffing:

Our current enrollment is 605 students. We have 70 staff members, including 40 teachers, 22 EA's, 4 office staff, and 4 custodians. We are excited to welcome our new teachers. In Grade 6 we have Quill Point, Shaun Salloway, and Sydney Hutt. At Grade 7 we have Josh Balzar and Sunshine Wilms as well as Myriah Kinna in 6/7 EFL. In Grade 8 we are excited to welcome Jessica Bergen. In our Student Services Department we have Debbie Matheny, Bri Carpenter and Karen Angelucci joining us as Learning Assistance Teachers. We also have a number of new EA's to help support our students – Amanda Palmer, Hailey Dykstra, Gurmeet Chahal, Caci Schlechter, Megan Burger, Teresa Lacerte and Kaylie Pustanyk. Our French EA posting also just closed and we will have that position hired this week.

Middle Years Project:

This year we are excited to take part in a District Initiated Middle Years Project. Leyton Schnellert, educator and author, will be leading schools through our middle school pillars. He will first be hosting a large middle school event at the Chilliwack Cultural Centre on Sept. 25th for all middle educators. Leyton will be working directly with teachers to collaborate on planning, assessing and teaching practices and strategies. They will co-create competency based lessons based on class profiles and goals set by the teachers.

Affordability Fund:

As you are probably aware, the Ministry is not continuing with the Affordability Fund. Unlike many schools, we do not have any carry forward. We heard last week that we do have some funding from the District to support students with school supplies. We are also working the District on the Feeding Futures initiative. Our students continue to be supported with breakfast and lunch programs. We also are continuing with the Starfish Backpack hamper program.

Clubs:

Our exciting partnership with Chilliwack Community Services has expanded this year. In the next few weeks, we should have clubs running every day of the week until 6pm. These clubs are free and should appeal to a wide range of interests. Clubs include Golito, Flag Football, Hip Hop, Nails and Chat, Youth Rec Drop In, Maker Space, Video Game Club, Skate Club and Math Club. Our staff will also be offering some after school clubs in the near future.

WEB:

Once again, our Grade 8 WEB Leaders have done a fantastic job connecting with our Grade 6 students. Mme Forstbauer and her team spent 3 days in the summer preparing for the incoming Grade 6 students and continue to offer weekly activities that promote fun and connection to school. The WEB leaders are also volunteering in Gr. 6 classrooms.

Truth and Reconciliation:

From Sept. 25th – 29th our students and staff will be taking part in learning around Truth and Reconciliation. Mr. Zullo will be leading us through a week of lessons, assemblies and activities. On October 6th, the entire staff of SD #33 will be attending a professional development day to deepen our understanding and commitment to Truth and Reconciliation. We are looking forward hearing from Denise Augustine, Len Pierre and Keith Carlson. We also are excited to hear from a group of local Indigenous leaders as they lead a question and answer session.

Terry Fox Run:

Mrs. Pickles has us set up for an afternoon run on Friday. We are encouraging our students to bring in a loonie to donate to the Terry Fox Foundation. Students who have walking permission forms signed and want to run will be doing a short run in the community supervised by numerous staff. Students without forms or who would prefer to walk will remain at the school and will walk the track.

Athletics:

Our athletic programs are also up and running. This fall season we have girls volleyball, boys soccer and cross country. Thanks to Mme Forstbauer for co-ordinating our coaches. Without the our staff volunteering their time, these extras couldn't happen. Thanks to Ms. Gibson, Ms. Gaffney, Mr. Monette, Ms. Rutherford, Mme Bellman, Ms. Hughes, M. Zullo and Mr. DeJong for helping coach our many teams this season.