

CMS PAC MINUTES – OCTOBER 7TH, 2024

In Attendance:

Jamie Benton	Chair
Pollaris Raymond	Vice Chair
Charlotte Lambert	Secretary
Debra Ercanbrack	Treasurer
Diana Heidinger	DPAC Representative
Stacey Pickles	Principal
Kathryn Popma	Vice Principal
Stephanie Pemble	Parent
Tara Lanyon	Parent
Barbara Dekkers	Parent
Allison Phelan	Parent
Tanya Rath	Parent
Andrea Gieselman	Parent
Erin Woelders	Parent
Shari Folks	Parent
Desiree Ber	Parent

Regrets:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, Agenda, and Minutes

- Quorum met.
- Called to order 7:01PM.
- Welcome & Introductions.
- Adoption of Agenda – Polly motions to approve, Erin seconds.

2. REPORTS

2.1 Principals Report:

- Erin and Kathryn shared the highlights that have been seen through the Terry Fox Run, Truth and Reconciliation learnings for both students as well as staff through school and Pro-D- Development.
- Noted is the Drills Week: October 21-24.
- Please see the full attached report for all information.

- Not noted in the Principal's Report is the ongoing change of the school logo. Students will be invited to share their ideas around logo design ideas, parents will also be invited to share their ideas and input.
- Staffing update inquiry: Mr. King, Grade 6, left as he took a position in Kent. Hiring has occurred and a permanent replacement will be secured in the next 2 weeks.
- The Hold & Secure in September was brought up: clarification came up around Hold & Secure vs a Lockdown, as well as a bit more about what a Hold & Secure entails.

2.2 Treasurer Report:

- Deb shares that cheques have been cleared; Gaming Grant was approved. Please see the full attached report.
- Diana motions to approve, Andrea seconds.
- Jamie brings up how to navigate the approaching Teacher Requests: are we maintaining the same giving amount as last year or are we wanting to put money towards something such as a playground refurbishment. Discussion occurs around what expected costs for a playground piece would be - how this would have to be run by AI, who is the SD33 contact; how any fundraising would happen within school capacity - such as: Ministry of Education grants, external grants such as the Pipeline Grant, possible fundraisers, and out of school capacity - such as: private community funders, Lions Club, Rotary Club, etc. Information was shared around previous positive experience with the Lions Club.
- Currently, there is no one available to head a committee.
- Jamie suggests posting a survey via FB to gauge the parental interest regarding the support for additional playground space. Support meaning both financial and time.
- Desiree suggests a survey being offered to the students also.
- Agreement on posting a survey, to gauge support; arranging a meeting with AI, SD33 contact, have a draft around the design/space allotments in order to continue moving forward forming a Playground Committee.
- Questions arose around fundraising for the school. Discussion occurred around the options around fundraising. PAC Exec shared the needs, on average \$50,000.00 of teacher requests, versus what is available to offer for all.

2.3 DPAC Report:

- Diana shares the list of discussed goals: Focusing on anti-bullying/racism, standardized code of conduct, constitution and bylaw, complete DPAC operating norms, class size composition. - -Stacey explains more about this, around the designation/categorization of students' needs: students are no longer eligible for the 2-student rule, which has historically meant that a child with a designation counts as 2 children, effectively bringing down the classroom total, to better meet the needs of children.
- Shared talks around growing boundaries,
- Please see the full attached report.

- Erin motions to approve, Shari seconds.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Doors: Query around how in the past the front doors have been locked during school hours.

- Stacey shares that due to district directive, for schools to remain more welcoming.
- Stacey also shared that a door for early supervision is open by the gym, doors are open and locked

3.2 French Immersion Learning Supports: Query around why there is no support for this program? Concerns shared by parents, and on behalf of teachers.

- Stacey explains that there are district meetings, allocating EA time, with a French-speaking EA. Here at CMS, there is a French EA, 1.0, assigned to the Grade 6,7,8, FI programs. The staff work together to decide how to use the provided EA availability.
- Stacey also shared there is a new French Immersion PAC, that parents are welcome to check out also.

3.3 SD33, CMS School Board Trustee: Query around who is the current school board trustee? Carin Bondar is the 2024/2025 trustee appointed to CMS.

3.4 Bathrooms/Washrooms: Multiple parents shared the concerns from their kids regarding bathroom use. Stacey and Kathryn shared the bathrooms are all open, except for the upstairs bathroom, which are locked as there is no direct supervision available. Downstairs bathrooms are open and directly supervised.

- Stacey and Kathryn shared that Chargers Connect - multi-grade groups, to encourage a respect and awareness of the environment.
- Lunchtime: Query around the 10 minutes to eat. This is 5 minutes less than elementary school and perhaps a change for many students. Parent query around where some classes are located in relation to their lockers. Stacey was able to meet this parents' questions around this particular student.
- Principals shared that students are welcome to take their food outside also.
- Discussion around how the phone-lock-up has shown staff the students returning to class with rosy cheeks and not having been stagnant in their break time.
- Parent shared that their child was concerned with their classroom cell phone lock up, in case another student takes a phone that is not theirs. Stacey took note.

3.5: Unfinished business: None at this time.

4.0 NEXT MEETING: November 18th, 7:00PM, CMS Library.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT: Shari motions, Diana Seconds. 8:48PM

September / October Happenings:

Terry Fox Run:

Our school wide Terry Fox Run was a great success. We had whole school participation, with many students running in the neighborhood and in the back field. Thanks to Kathryn for organizing this successful event.

Truth and Reconciliation:

- Indigenous Learning Week:
 - Mr. Zullo put together an incredible assembly with student and staff speakers, drummers and dancers. Our students and staff were privileged to hear the singing, drumming and dancing of the Pilalt Warriors. Mr. Zullo also helped set our learning intentions for the week and had the Indigenous Student Services Team come in and provide stations for our students.
- 90 Day Cycle:
 - Our 90 Day Cycle helps focus are staff vision and goals part of our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.
- Dr. Dustin Louie:
 - Dr. Louie is a UBC professor and Director of the Indigenous Education Program at UBC. We are fortunate to have learning sessions scheduled for a number of evenings throughout the year and he will be at CMS for a full day next month to work with our staff on decolonizing curriculum
- Sept 27th Pro D
 - Our entire school got on school busses and went to Shxw̓ha:y Village for a resource tasting, a keynote address from Kevin Lamoureux (Professor and Associate Vice President, University of Winnipeg and Educational Lead for Truth and Reconciliation) and an ignite style presentation from CSS, RTCS, ADR and our site.

Middle Years Project:

Leyton Schnellert will be back working with our staff for three partial days this year. He was well received by our staff last year and we look forward to having him here this year.

Student Engagement Group:

Using student voice to focus on the values of SD33 Values and alignment with the Accessibility Plan. Student representation from each middle school are meeting 5 times this school year and will share their finding not only with our school but also with the District.

Drill Week:

We are holding a practice for all drills October 21-24..

Athletics & Clubs:

Athletics are up and running with boys and girls volleyball, cross country and boys soccer. We are super thankful for the coaches who have volunteered their time. Basketball sign up for Gr. 7 & 8 boys and girls is also taking place. We continue our partnership with Chilliwack Community Services who are offering daily club activities. We also have the after-school Maker and Board Game clubs up and running. It's a great opportunity for our students and staff to make connections outside of the classroom.

DPAC Report

- Guest speaker: Peggy Janicki
 - “The Secret Pocket”, Grade 3
 - “Secret of the Dance”, Grade 2-3
 - Good for most grades to build understanding of unique experiences
- Lejac Residential School speaker: Dr. Sean Carlton. Justice Murray Sinclair shared an article, “Where Are the Bodies”, rebutting comments from hate speech-talking people
- CSS, Saturday September 27th, 1PM: Orange Shirt Day powwow
- Check the website for more information on the following committees:
 - Chilliwack Early Years Committee
 - Chilliwack Middle Years
 - Chilliwack Healthy Children
 - SAGE
 - Resource cards for LGBTQ people and Seniors