

Clareville Middle School Council
Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2010

In attendance:

Troy Mitchell, Chair	Rod Short, Parent Rep
Paula Roberts, Secretary	Rhonda Holloway, Parent Rep
Craig Parady, Principal	Gwen Hiscock, Parent Rep
Dave Hains, Community Rep	John, Mahar, Community Rep
Gerry Organ, Vice-Principal	Lisa Drover, Teacher

Regrets:

Dr. Vas Vasanthan, Parent Rep; Dr. Paula Pye, Parent Rep

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by the Chair.

2.0 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as presented.

3.0 Adoption of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting

The minutes were reviewed by those in attendance. Rod moved that the minutes be adopted; seconded by Gwen. Motion carried.

4.0 Business Arising

- **School parking lot** – This issue has been on the agenda for a long time and both schools want changes. Both CMS and CHS are presenting two solutions to the councils for feedback. Troy presented Constable Borden's recommendations on changes to the parking spaces, and directing all buses to the back of the building. There was discussion about the needs for CMS to add supervision at the back of the school, and how there would need to be some structural changes to the entranceway (double doors) to make it safer (drier) particularly during the winter. Craig reported those changes could be accommodated. Members agreed with the option of moving all bus traffic to the back of the schools to allow for more parking and improved traffic flow in front of the schools. Troy will discuss this with the Chair of CHS to see if they came to the same conclusion. Changes will be brought in at the beginning of the school year in September.

5.0 New Business

- **Cell Phone Usage and Picture Taking**
 - Parent expressed concerns
 - Pictures have turned up on Facebook
 - Schools in Bonavista have a policy
 - CMS teachers have reported some student have been seen texting in class, and some phones have been taken from students who have been misusing them during class instructional time
 - The new iPhones are causing more concerns as these come with apps and students have been caught playing games during class time
 - It might be time to take an awareness and educational approach – perhaps inviting in the RCMP or another person to do a presentation on security and misuse of cell phones
 - Misuse could eventually lead to cyberbullying and sexting
 - Craig says the school will be looking into the policy and what can be done

- **School Restructuring**
 - The configuration has already been decided; it is really now a non-issue for CMS
 - CMS issue is to now build a good 7-9 school
 - CMS would welcome an opportunity to discuss elementary programming with Balbo
 - CMS administration is looking forward to the transition. These grades fit well with module teaching and this type of instruction will be maintained. It was noted modules such as hockey and swimming were especially well-received by students this year

- **2010-11 School Year**
 - Staffing level will be maintained
 - There will be only one class for French Immersion (27 students)
 - In Grade 4, the new concept of grouping students in “early” or “late” classes, depending on the month they were born will be trialed
 - Math and science will have core lab activities and there will be teachers assigned to teach those core labs in a co-teaching format
 - Physical Education – Ed Byrne is writing a program profile which will be used next year
 - Technology will be introduced in the music education program – using smart boards
 - Band delivery – “Intermediate Thinking” – looking at options around exempting some students

- **Other School Tidbits**
 - It continues to be a very busy year at CMS
 - Juno Celebrations were held at the school – this was a huge success – comments coming back from those attending saying how well behaved our CMS students were
 - There is a new alarm system installed in the school
 - Staff retirement – Mrs. R. Stanford is retiring at the end of the school year
 - Grade 7’s are going to SPM in June as part of the French program
 - CMS students competed in their first underwater robotics competition and did well
 - Regional Heritage Fair will be held in May in Trinity
 - Susan Galway is working in the school doing some student outreach and working with staff

6.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 27th at 7:00 PM** in the resource centre.