

Clarendville Middle School Council
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2010

In attendance:

Troy Mitchell, Chair	Dr. Vas Vasanthan, Parent Rep
Paula Roberts, Secretary	Rhonda Holloway, Parent Rep
Craig Pardy, Principal	Lisa Drover, Teacher Rep
Gerry Organ, Vice-Principal	Gwen Hiscock, Parent Rep

Regrets:

Rod Short, Parent Rep.	Dave Hains, Community Rep
John Mahar, Community Rep	Dr. Paula Pye, Parent Rep

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by the Chair.

2.0 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted without changes or additions. Moved by Dr. Vasanthan; seconded by Ms. Holloway.

3.0 Adoption of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were adopted. Moved by Ms. Hiscock; seconded by Ms. Holloway.

4.0 Business Arising

- School parking lot – a message from Ms. Vanda Dove had been previously emailed to the school council members (read aloud at the meeting by the Chair). Repairs have been made to the pot holes and the lines will be repainted as soon as the weather allows. The RCMP is being consulted on the lines. A separate email has been received from the Chair of Clarendville High stating it is still that Council's preference to have the buses re-routed to the back of the building. There was some discussion about possibly re-routing buses to have them exit along the route to the Clarendville Event Centre to avoid having them mix with vehicular traffic dropping off students.
- Healthy eating update – another request to sell cupcakes as a fund raiser was recently declined.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Olympic Celebrations

- Opening ceremonies were held – every class was assigned a country
- CMS held a day-long activities of Olympic style events
- Teachers designed Olympics theme curriculum (eg. math questions, ELA demand writing)
- Parents volunteered to help with the Olympic Torch which was then placed in the atrium
- Closing ceremonies will be held this coming Monday
- Pictures will be posted to the website after the closing ceremonies

5.2 Clarendville School System Restructuring Update

- Busing from some outlying areas will be longer
- It appears the decisions on the reconfiguration have been made
- Balbo will become a K-6 school; CMS 7-9

5.3 Grade 6 – Community Mindedness and Global Citizens

- Students did a multimedia presentation
- Hoping to put it up on the CMS website and in local circuit TV
- Approximately \$2000 was raised for Haiti in CMS

6.0 School Development Plan Update

6.1 Differentiated Learning/Co-teaching

- Mr. Organ recently wrote a submission for the newsletter *Inclusion Focus*
- The idea is to meet the needs of varying abilities in the same classroom
- Teachers have to get to know the children individually and plan lessons so that it can be taught on multiple levels
- CMS is a pilot school and the teachers here have embraced the new method. There is constant review of the materials and teachers feel they are getting to know the kids better.
- Substitutes are being utilized so teachers have time to coordinate co-teaching methods.
- DI is about meeting the needs of individual students, but first you have to get to know the child. Student assessments are done in conjunction with individual learning styles

6.2 Recent CMS Data

- CMS has been reviewing statistics to see how the students have been doing since their CRTs. Report cards are due to be released on March 16th.

7.0 School Tidbits

- PE Vision September 2010 – CMS has asked for someone to develop a computer program to profile the child so parents can access this on line (will be password driven). Students will be assessed on certain characteristics and notes made where areas of improvement could be made
- Next year teacher assignments may vary depending on subjects – there may be teachers dedicated to deliver “core labs” in math and science. CMS will be doing this in grades 7 and 8 next year.
- Healthy eating inventory – CMS will follow sensibility in reviewing their guidelines.
- Anti-bullying month – acts of kindness are being encouraged. Anti-bullying video contest entries and bracelets (pink) with “Bullying Stops Here” being handed out to students tomorrow.
- CMS Facility – renovations have been approved. The stage in the gym will become part of the music room at the end of the school year. A portable stage is being purchased and the equipment room expanded for more storage (for stage). This is good news for our school.

8.0 Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.
- The Chair will send out notices to the council members regarding the date for the next meeting.