

Clarenville Middle School Council
Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2010

In attendance:

Troy Mitchell, Chair
Paula Roberts, Secretary
Craig Pardy, Principal
Dave Hains, Community Rep
Gerry Organ, Vice-Principal

Dr. Paula Pye, Parent Rep
Rhonda Holloway, Parent Rep
Gwen Hiscock, Parent Rep
John, Mahar, Community Rep

Regrets:

Dr. Vas Vasanthan, Parent Rep
Rod Short, Parent Rep
Lisa Drover, Teacher

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. It was noted the date of the meeting was October 29 and not the 28th as noted in the minutes. Rhonda moved that the minutes be adopted with the noted change, seconded by Gwen. Motion carried.

4.0 Business Arising

- **Co-teaching update:** CMS has increased the program to include grade 6. Still receiving positive comments from staff, children and parents of children involved in co-teaching classes.
- **Late French Immersion** – 27 students are now in one room as they have had some students transfer out of the program. The extra teacher is now dedicated to Grade 6, for the most part. This seems to have been accepted well by students involved.
- **School reconfiguration** – Larry Guinchard from the ESDNL was in the area concerning land around the Balbo school. This is a sign that the reconfiguration is moving forward.
- **H1N1** – mass inoculations are over. CMS reported minimal affect on the school.
- **School parking lot** – Craig and Troy reported on their meeting with the CHS council and Vanda Dove. Buses are not the issue. Parents who are dropping off and picking up students in front of the schools are making it unsafe. Ms. Dove thought line painting would be a solution. Reconfiguration of parking spaces in front of the HS and in between the buildings would also help. Cross walks also need to be repainted. Troy agreed to write a letter asking for an update.

5.0 New Business

- **Viewing of Grade 5 French Café** – school council visited the café which was taking place in one of the Grade 8 classrooms. The event has been well-attended thus far.

- **Presentation on Safe School Policy by Bobbi Stanford**
 - Goal is keeping out kids safe and secure
 - RCMP safe policy
 - Doors will be locked during a lock down
 - CMS is looking at installing an exterior flashing light to warn bus drivers, parents, etc. dropping off students
 - *Secure school* is used as a first level of security, and is deemed to be less intrusive (activated over PA; attendance taken; class doors locked; does not require action from police). Examples would include a chemical spill, student fight, student or staff emergency, missing child or a death.
 - *Lockdown* would only occur if there was an actual emergency course of action required – this involves notifying the police who would come with force. Example would include the presence of a weapon or armed intruder in the school.
 - CMS is required to practice 10 fire drills and 6 secure school procedures each year. Those drills conducted thus far indicate staff and students are taking the drills seriously, and they are familiar with the procedures required.

- **Visitors in the CMS Resource Centre**
 - Caretaker notified school administration there were 4 non-students in the CMS resource centre (2 males, 2 females)
 - This occurred after school on a Friday afternoon when most of the students had already left
 - Three were students of CHS; one was a young adult not attending school
 - Concerns were expressed by some council members in attendance over their presence, and how these students managed to get to the resource centre undetected
 - There are cameras on the doors of CMS which are viewable in the Principal's office

- **Healthy Eating at CMS**
 - A parent has brought a concern to a council rep asking why certain unhealthy foods are sold as fundraisers (e.g., cupcakes)
 - This may at first seem to contravene the policy, however, it was noted there is a clause which allows these types of foods for “special occasions”
 - Agreed that it should be more limited and the school will look into the concern

6.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 26th at 7:00 PM** in the resource centre.