



# Claremont Parents Association Minutes

February 17, 2015

## **Welcome**

Call to order at 7:00 pm

## **Approval of January minutes**

Correction to the January minutes: Student Government Report: change date to Thursday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Claremont.

1. Teri VanWell 2. Roland Tscheinig

Motion carried.

## **Approval of February agenda**

1. Hugh Hughson 2. Lisa Simpson

Motion carried.

## **Student Government Report: Sage Broomfield**

Upcoming events: dating game, minute-to-win-it, April dance.

Under discussion with Claremont administration: bike racks, mounting speakers in the student lounge, "no hat rule" which is currently zero tolerance. Claremont is the only school in this district that supports this rule. Administration believes that it is the school culture and tradition and a safety standard.

100 carnations were distributed on Valentine's Day

## **Treasurer's Report: Beth Sangara**

\$1250 will be allocated towards the staff appreciation spring luncheon, which is a \$50 increase from proposed budget.

Three items were withdrawn from the teacher requests:

1. Change and Inclusion Club
  2. Physics Olympics Math Club
  3. Teacher luncheon (from last year as this event did not occur)
- During the upcoming April PAC meeting, a discussion is needed to possibly allocate a portion of the remaining funds for additional teacher requests.

### **Principal's Report: Bruce Frith**

No Hat Rule: is part of the dress code at Claremont vs. self-expression. Perhaps there can be a compromise or teacher discretion implemented.

Semester 2 is underway with an upcoming 2-week spring break with report cards being issued this week.

Grade 12 assembles: Cathy Steele spoke to students about grad events.

Scholarship updates available on website.

Post secondary online transcripts must be requested to the Ministry of Education. Students must apply to graduate and forms must be handed in by May 1/15. Grad packages and forms will be distributed Apr. 21/15. Student must obtain passing grades, 80 minimum credits and have completed 75% of on-line classes. All grad information is available on the website.

Grad dance this week theme: Tight and Bright

Winter season sports finishing and spring starting with rugby, soccer, and track and field. The basketball Island Championship tournament will be held soon.

SPC dates to be determined with 3 parent (PAC) representatives. There will be 3-4 meetings necessary to complete the process.

March 6/15 course selection due. There is also a parent night and grade 8 tour of Claremont to help with enquiries.

Online course selection guide available on website

Sd63 calendar options draft, which trustees annually vote: dates-Pro D, spring break. Available on school district website.

School audit completed to determine district budget and funding. 4 ministry auditors (retired principals and/or trustees) visited Claremont to read 5 reports on 310 chosen students. There are different categories of funding for different services provided for students e.g. ELL, Aboriginals.

Claremont is a designated meeting site for emergencies and there is a big steel container placed outside of the school with supplies. There is a generator available at this command center.

### **COPACS Report**

No report

### **President's Report: Teri VanWell**

Scholarship team: Louise Herlinveaux, Lisa Simpson, Teri VanWell and Janet Bowers. Meeting time to be determined later this month. The goal is to have all revised forms ready to be sent with the grad package in April/15. A link on the Claremont website would provide more exposure for students.

Policy 1100: possibility for school trustees to visit during a PAC meeting.

Sd63 South Island trustee representatives are Victoria Marring and Wayne Hunter.

### **Dry Grad Report**

No report

### **New Business**

From the Policy 1100 meeting, Roland Tscheinig is suggesting more parent engagement at the school and will be starting the "Breakfast Club" for less fortunate students. This is a PAC initiative that will include nutritious morning snacks or breakfast items at a subsidized price. A possible start later this spring would be ideal.

Motion to allocate \$1000 of PAC funds for a start-up cost for the Breakfast Club (if this idea become solidified). Additional funds will need to be met by the community for continual success.

1. Roland Tscheinig
2. Lisa Simpson

Motion carried.

A concern was brought up by one of the PAC members about the process of determining fund allocation, with respect to teacher requests. Other concerns of cost and time were discussed. Teri VanWell will attend the Breakfast Club at Stelly's school.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

1. Teri VanWell 2. Janet Bowers

Motion carried.

**Next PAC meeting**

Apr. 21/15 at 7 pm in the learning commons