

Clarke Parent Council Meeting Minutes  
for Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 7:00pm

In attendance:

Vikki Ernst  
Chris Scott  
Trevor Stone  
Arnold Mostert  
Josh Mostert  
Kym Sorgenfrei

Regrets:

Maya Wade

Call to order at 7:02 pm

1. Approval of last meeting's minutes. Motion to pass minutes: Arnold 1<sup>st</sup>, Trevor 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. Conclusion of last year's council
3. Elections and appointments:
  - Chair person: Chris Scott
  - Vice Chair: Trevor Stone
  - Regional Council rep: Chris Scott
  - Secretary/Treasurer: Maya Wade
4. Principal Report:
  - Beginning of year sees staff changes.
  - Upcoming student events are currently being planned.
  - Assembly for grade 12 students: post secondary options, finishing community hours and assistance filling out applications.
  - EQAOs are coming up. Math will be at the end of the first semester. Literacy will possibly be two sittings.
  - PA Day Friday, September, 29. Staff will be involved in school improvement planning, in cooperation with Pines staff
  - Mental health literacy. 4 lesson series for grade nine students. Discussion about getting parents and the Pines involved.
5. Staff Report: No teacher rep.
6. Student Council report from Josh Mostert, Student Council PM:
  - Terry Fox run was a success with students from the Pines coming over to participate as well.
  - Student council has had two meetings so far. Positions in council have been assigned.
  - Planning a Halloween dance for October 26, 2023.
7. SCC Executive Member Report: none.
8. Regional Council Report:
  - no meeting has occurred yet for this school year.
  - A minimum of 4 meetings a year are required, regional council tends to do 5 or 6.
  - Anyone can attend the meetings. Last year there were both in-person and online options.
  - Only the school regional rep has voting rights at the meetings.

9. New Business/Questions/Comments from parents:

- Fundraising topics. Fundraiser for something the school board doesn't already provide the school.
  - Ideas: movie night (for whole community), Kernels popcorn
  - one movie night in the Fall and one in the Spring
- Parent council is required to have a minimum of four meetings during the year. It was discussed that we would have 6, falling on the last Thursday of the month, 7pm-8pm:
  - September 28, 2023
  - October 19, 2023 In Person (moved ahead due to Halloween dance)
  - November 23, 2023
  - January 25, 2024
  - February 22, 2024
  - April 25, 2024
  - May 30, 2024 In Person
- Focus on getting more Pines involvement in Clarke.
  - Chris to meet with Pines' parent council chair and/or attend parent council meeting.
    - Student council rep could also attend.
  - Vikki and Pines' principal have already had discussions on working together.
  - Teachers at Pines also need to be involved and promoting Clarke attendance.
  - Create opportunities for students at both school to work on projects together, like Christmas music performance in previous years.
  - School board also needs to be promoting Clarke.
- Music Counts Grant
  - Early bird registration is in early October.
  - Chris has spoken to Vikki about it and will begin filling the application out. Mr Mills will then need to finish it.
  - The grant is for up to \$20,000 and can only be applied for every three years
    - 85% for new instruments
    - 25% for repairs of existing instruments
  - We will find out in the Spring if we are successful.
- Parent outreach grant topics:
  - Host movie night
    - Fundraiser for school, student volunteer hours, invite community into school.
    - Concession (COSTO), popcorn maker (Clarke/Pines may have one), Tim's Rent-All (eg. rent candy floss machine)
    - Family friendly movie idea, select night
  - Parent council information sessions (how to apply to post secondary school, mental health, co-op programs, etc).
    - Possibly host one event in the Fall and one in the Spring.
- Creation of Parent Council page on Edsby
  - Place where council information can be shared to parents.
    - Power point presentation, meeting minutes, discussions, reports and upcoming events to be shared there.
  - Ways to introduce and encourage parents to sign up for Edsby and look at page.
    - Auto enrolment upon grade 9.
    - Face to face interaction at Parent/Teacher night. Parent council booth and Principal booth to get parents set up right away.
- Yearbook:
  - Requires staff and volunteers to make it happen.
  - New photography class and art teacher working on possibility of having a yearbook this year.

- KPR Annual Parent Conference is Saturday, October 21. It is a virtual event and features keynote speaker Dr. Jean Clinton

9. Meeting adjourned by Arnold, seconded by Kym

Concluded at 7:53pm

Next meeting will be in person on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 7pm in the school library.