

Clarke Parent Council Meeting Minutes
for Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 7:00pm

In attendance:

Vikki Ernst
Karen Cummings
Jennifer Elchyson
Chris Scott
Arnold Mostert
Maya Wade
Kym Sorgenfrei

Regrets:

Trevor Stone
Cassandra Pearson
Josh Mostert

Call to order at 7:02pm

Approval of last month's minutes by Kym. Seconded by Arnold.

1. Principal's Report:

- Vikki will be leaving Clarke on February 2. Karen Cummings will replace her as the new principal of Clarke. Transition will occur this week and next.
- Culminating tasks and exams going on now Semester 1 comes to an end.
- A ping pong table has been found and set up. The students are enjoying using it as part of their lunchtime and spare activities.
- The Director of Education will be visiting on February 7 for a Student Advisory Project. The Director will be meeting with 12 students in a variety of ages and grades to hear their views on what is working and what isn't working.
- January 29 there will be a meeting for the Positive Environment School Team. This will consist of 4 students, 2 teachers, 1 office staff, a youth outreach helper and a parent.

2. No teacher rep. Jennifer Elchyson shared:

- New courses for 2024/2025 year:
 - Grade 9 - Building Entrepreneurial Mindset, Integrated Arts, Technology Curriculum.
 - Grade 10 - nothing new but they are able to take the new grade 9 courses.
 - Grade 11 - * Photography, World History (to end of 15th century)
 - Grade 12 - * Photography, World History, Environmental Science, Kinesiology, and Visual Arts.
 - * The photography course was a new course offered this year and has allowed students to work on their portfolio while adding new pictures to the school website, grad book and around the school.
- Course selection has begun for the 2024/25 year. Grade 8s have done this through the My BluePrint website.
 - Timetables will be ready at the start of June, allowing students to alter their courses well before the start of school in September.
- Summer school applications need to be by the end of May.
 - Students have the option of elearning and in-person studies.
 - Summer school will be four weeks long in July.
 - Grade 12 students will have their summer school marks electronically updated and sent to their respective post secondary schools.

- OUAC/OCAS: Deadline for application for competitive school programs is February 1. It is recommended all students have their applications in by the end of April as students will start to confirm their enrolment in May.
 - Scholarships - Check school websites regularly for offered scholarships.
 - There is a scholarship on Edsby that is offered to all grades.
3. Student Council report, Josh Mostert via Arnold Mostert, Student Council PM:
 - A dance in February is being planned. Date to be determined. It will not be Valentine's themed.
4. SCC Executive report:
 - No report.
5. Regional Council Report:
 - Next regional council meeting will be Wednesday, January 31st at Waverly P.S. Everyone is welcome to attend.
6. New Business:
 - Parent Outreach:
 - Will take place on Feb 8 at 6:30pm.
 - \$500 Pro Grant was awarded for this event.
 - Will be promoted to grade 9, 10 and the Pines's students and families. Vikki and Karen will communicate with the Pines principal and at their parent council meeting on January 29, and to the KPDSB to have a message posted on their social media. Chris will bring it up at the next Regional Council meeting.
 - Chris will discuss the ordering of giveaways (logo on cups, towels, sticker, magnets, etc) and refreshments with Bryonie.
 - Karen has urn for coffee. Use local bakery for treats.
 - Music Counts Application update:
 - Application has been submitted and we will be notified in the Spring if it's been accepted.
 - Fundraising:
 - FlipGive: needs to be talked up more. Suggestions of setting up table for the February Parent Outreach night and the March Parent/Teacher night. A handout is to be created.
 - Looking for other ways to get parents signing up and using the app.
 - Movie Night:
 - Date for movie night will be Thursday, April 11. Doors will open at 6:15pm and movie will start at 6:30pm.
 - Movie to be determined. Something family friendly for all ages.
 - Refreshments to be offered. Popcorn, maybe rent candy floss machine from Tim's, pick up other items from Costco.
 - Volunteers will be needed and can earn volunteer hours. Suggested that students run the event with help from parents if needed.
7. Questions/Comments from parents:
 - None
8. Next meeting will be virtual on February 22, 2024 at 7pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.