

CMS SBMT

Meeting Minutes

3/26/19

Committee Members

AnnMarie Ferreri, Elias Stavriandis, Evelyn Cárdenas, Holly Tobias, Jennifer Fein, Jessica Panos, Lauren Echauri, Melissa Vaughn, Michael Larson, Rachel O'Boyle, Dr. Randie Taylor, Richard Martin, Vicki Ragavanis

1. Meeting Opening:

- The meeting began promptly at 3:02 PM. Minutes were recorded by Holly Tobias. Minutes from the 2/26 meeting were approved as written.

2. Building Happenings:

Mr. Larson addressed the committee regarding past and upcoming CMS building happenings.

- **March 15th - Gold and White Night.** This was a very well-attended event. The kids had a great time. For the first time there was a tie breaker, leading the gold team to victory.
- **March 23rd and 24th - Production of The Wizard of Oz.** 100 students performed in this show, and a big thank you goes out to all the staff and parents that made this show such a success. Burr and Sawmill students were also invited to see part of the show.
- **March 18th - 22nd - Disabilities Awareness Week:**
 - 6th grade presentation - Helen Keller
 - 7th grade presentation - "Taking the 'dis' out of Disability"
 - 8th grade presentation - Rohan Murphy, an amputee. Kids loved him. He did a demonstration with the wrestlers.
- **Voices from the Fire** - a Holocaust Presentation
- **March 6th - Angst** - This was a fairly well-attended presentation at CHS by middle school and high school parents and students. This presentation was designed to raise awareness regarding the topic of anxiety; how people react to stress and strategies to cope.
- There are several transition nights coming up for 5th graders moving up to CMS from Burr and Sawmill. The first one will be on 4/15 for parents of 5th graders.

3. ELA/Math Examinations (Ms. Càrdenas):

- The ELA exams are coming up next Wednesday and Thursday. The Math exams will take place on 5/1 and 5/2.
- Parents should send in the opt out forms sooner than later. They can be found on the school website. The letters must state which test(s) you are opting your child out of, as well his/her grade level.
- The test will be the same as last year, which was shortened to 2 days from the previous year. The test will remain untimed.
- On testing days, CMS will follow a 2-hour delay bell schedule, with 1st period starting at 9:55.

4. Theft & Security in the gym locker room:

- One committee member raised concerns regarding theft of various items from students' belongings from the gym locker rooms.
- Mr. Larson will make the PE staff aware that they should remind students to lock up their belongings/valuable items in the gym lockers. He said that students should report any kind of theft as soon as possible so it can be investigated and resolved.
- Mr. Larson said that it is not safe to lock the locker rooms due to fire code.
- Another committee member raised the issue that many students' backpacks are very heavy and bulky and won't fit in the PE lockers. In addition to that, there are issues with some teachers not allowing students to clean out and remove older papers from their binders, making them very heavy. The committee member agreed to have a conversation with her child's teacher to resolve the binder issue.

5. Other concerns:

- A committee member raised concern about her child's bus dropping her child off 25 minutes later than usual; she was not made aware that the bus had broken down and was running late. Mr. Larson explained that the school will typically call the parents when they are aware of a bus running significantly late and would look into this issue further.

6. Conclusion

- Meeting adjourned at 3:42PM.

Reminders:

Meeting Date	Minutes Recorded By	Meeting Date	Minutes Recorded By
09/25/18	Mr. Larson	02/26/19	Mrs. Echauri
10/30/18	Mrs. Fein	03/26/19	Mrs. Tobias
11/27/18	Dr. Taylor	04/30/19	Mr. Stavrinadis
01/29/19	Mrs. Ferreri	05/28/19	TBD (<i>Mrs. Vaughn or Mrs. O'Boyle</i>)

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Tobias