

Commodore Parent-Teacher Group

A family, school, community partnership

Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2013

Welcome

Administrator Updates: Ed shared two agenda items:

- Web-portal fundraiser - information given to Ed and Stephanie; it would be difficult for the administration to oversee this, so they are offering our group the opportunity to use this fundraiser; we passed on this opportunity last year in favor of local shopping; group voted to get more information; Lou will contact the organizer and invite her to a meeting so we can learn more
- Green Mountain Star - mandated action plan for the year; Goal 4 states a need for a school community council consisting of administration, parents, community member; one goal of the council is to reach out to disenfranchised parents; Ed is considering a rep from Boosters, Friends of Music, CPTG and others; **next meeting, Ed will look for a nomination to this committee - hopefully, from our group.** Ed has a deadline of June 2015 to get through a list of commitments requested by the State.

Teacher Reports: Lee Shorey shared about freshman trip - Camp Takumpta; still need hamburg and hotdog rolls; Senior trip - need volunteers to help make sandwiches; Lynn R suggested that next year, the cafeteria could provide the food for these trips if given ample time; Teresa Smith will check in with Lee about her needs and send an SOS out to parent groups if help is still needed.

Visitor Reports: none present

Student Report: none present

Member updates:

- **E-News:** Carla mentioned there has been a lack of news the past few weeks and asked for support from staff and administration in drumming up news. Ed W will send Carla his weekly news to staff to use for e-News information; Ed suggested that teachers who are teaching new courses contact Carla with a description of the course; Brainstormed highlighting students, teachers,

authentic learning opportunities that kids are involved in, community events that would benefit our school population - perhaps Kristine Kirkaldy would be a resource - Carla will check

- **Grant Requests:** One request to help fund the Debate and Forensics Team (until it is hopefully recognized as a club next year); Steve Orzech came to thank us for our gift last year and had submitted a grant that requested additional funds for this coming year - membership, registration fees etc... This year, 5 students attended the initial meeting and at least 4 more are interested; Steve is also pursuing the idea of allowing middle school students to participate which would lead to increased numbers; Steve talked about having kids fundraise this year to make seed money for next year.
- **Back to School Night Recap:** Lou felt this year went much more smoothly; the teacher introductions were nice and brief - keep that; Other comments included: splitting up the grades to meet by grade level was beneficial; some 7th grade advisories were not well attended but Kira pointed out that 7th grade parents had just been in to meet all of the teachers so it was nice to meet in the morning meeting group to get a different perspective on the day; all of the activities were short and moved right along - nice pace; Jay reported positives from the staff; Parents mentioned that they liked being in the gym - nice and open and airy; Looking for school to take over Back to School with continued support from the CPTG
- **Bolton Bus:** 2 parent volunteers have stepped forward to organize the ski program this year
- **Trinkets and Treasures:** Holly has already collected a ton of "stuff" and is storing it at Kennedy Brothers again. She needs help sorting/pricing - Tania offered to help; Kristina wants to propose that the CPTG pay to have signs made to advertise the sale this year
- **Enrichment activity?** Does this group want to sponsor something that happens for the entire school community? **Brainstorm ideas and bring them to the next meeting for discussion**

- **Curriculum Night:** The school counseling office has taken over the planning of this evening.
- **Electronic announcement board?** Update at November meeting

Next regular meeting: November 19th at 7:00 pm VUHS Library