

Commodore Parent-Teacher Group

A family, school, community partnership

Meeting Minutes for September 30, 2014

Welcome

Administrator Updates: Jay present; Website still under construction; Jay is aware that some of the information is outdated and it will be corrected in the near future once they get a new web-site administrator up and running. Auditorium is mostly ready at this point! The Friends of Music is contributing money for extra lighting. Bleachers are in the works for the Middle School Gym late Nov/December. Homecoming went well overall. Student council put on a demo about what to wear and what not to wear which was well received.

Teacher Reports: Matt Schlein is planning on attending the next meeting to talk about Walden.

Visitor Reports: none present

Student Report: none present

Recap minutes: check

Member updates:

- **Grants:**

- 1) **M Powers** - asked for monies for a field trip to study geologic features in the local area - approved
- 2) **E Pentaleri** - asked for monies to support a teacher exchange (Visa and travel costs) between our local schools and schools in Ethiopia ; questions arose about why this experience was not shared at the high school last year (as opposed to how it was shared the elementary schools); Jay has talked with Matt Schlein about how best to welcome and incorporate the visiting teachers into the VUHS routine; questions arose as to how the visit would benefit VUHS students since the details were not laid out in the proposal;

Carla will contact Matt and Becky to ask them to send an addendum to the original grant as to how the monies will benefit VUHS students in order for it be approved

3) **S Nary + J Strube** - asked for monies for Math Counts for grades 6-8 - approved

4) **D West** - asked for monies for rowing team that will be matched by Concept 2 Rowing - approved

Question arose about monies given to debate team last year - did the debate team compete last year? Jay will check into this.

- **E-News:** So far, so good ☺
- **Rummage Sale** - April 11th; Holly has already collected lots of things and has secured a storage space.
- **21st Century Education committee** - VUHS board sub-committee whose mission is to communicate/act as a liaison between the school and the community. Kristina attended the first meeting and encouraged others to attend.
- **Lecture Series:** Kristina proposed we brainstorm about this at a future meeting. It could be a great way to involve community and school members in interesting dialogue. Willow Wheelock's (from WomenSafe) name was brought up as a possible presenter.
- **Back to School Night** - Community group parents in attendance at tonight's meeting really liked the format; Constructive feedback included... Some parents were confused with the format and/or reading the computer generated schedules - perhaps have better signage or people available to help with reading them; also some feedback about the clubs space - there was not really designated time to visit the tables unless you had a call back. Was using the cafeteria the best idea - perhaps have tables line the halls next year for better visibility?

Next regular meeting: October 21, 2014 at 6:30