

Commodore Parent-Teacher Group

A family, school, community partnership

Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2014

Welcome

Administrator Updates: Jay in attendance; Mentioned that the work involving PBGR's is regaining momentum and upcoming professional development time will be set aside for more work and focus to this initiative; discussion about PBGR's in general

Teacher Reports: Matt Schlein is planning on attending the next meeting to talk about Walden - we rescheduled him from the October meeting knowing that we would have a smaller group of parents in attendance.

Visitor Reports: none present

Student Report: none present

Recap minutes: check

Member updates:

- **Grants:** no new grants

Question arose about monies given to debate team last year - did the debate team compete last year? Jay checked into this. **They still have the money from last year in their budget to use for events this year.**

- **E-News:** So far, so good ☺
- **Rummage Sale** - April 11th; Holly has already collected lots of things and has secured a storage space.

- **Lecture Event/Series:** Lynn R offered to be on this sub-committee; we brainstormed some ideas that we would come out for or that we thought kids would come out for/be interested in:
 - Technology (safety, cyber-bullying etc.);
 - Willow Wheelock from Women Safe- healthy relationships - for kids or adults;
 - Bring in something during the day for students that is engaging/educational (like John Halligan whose son died of suicide because of bullying);
 - Perhaps a day-time event for students with a parent piece at night;
 - Drinking/driving/prom;
 - Anti-bullying, respect topics;
 - Engaging science activities - Bill Nye?;
 - Rusty Dewees has presented about bullying in the past;
 - Arts presentations - music, dance troupe, slam poetry;
 - the "Voices" project - teens share about teen issues - make a DVD;
 - Otter Teen Network (may not still exist) but they put skits together to talk about teen issues; college planning;
 - Perhaps use Youth Risk Behavior Survey results to help inform choices or support possible speakers; drug education for parents and students;
- **Parent Group in the future:** Kristina has played a huge role in the start up and maintenance of this group - thank you! Since her son is a senior, she will most likely not be as involved in the future so we will need to talk about what the structure of the group will look like next year - who will be in charge of

the funds? Setting agenda? Webpage - posting minutes and updates?
Parent teacher night - manning the table; grants; eNews; Rummage Sale;
teacher appreciation week etc... It was suggested that we should list all the
main responsibilities throughout the year and then use a meeting in the
Spring to divvy up the jobs; **Add this to the December agenda so we can
start preparing for next year**

- **Website:** How do we adapt the parent group section so it is current; **talk about at November meeting**
- **Our meeting date:** Do we have any flexibility with the third Tuesday?
There is a conflict with an administrative meeting that also meets at that
time. **Add this to the November agenda!**

Next regular meeting: November 18, 2014 at 6:30