

**Vergennes Union Middle and High School
Commodore Parent Group Meeting
February 3, 2015 – 6:30 pm**

1. Call to Order Jay Stetzel

2. Brief Recap (minutes)

3. Administrative Update Jay Stetzel + Stephanie Taylor –
 - Passed out FAQ's for the VUHS budget; Also, want to organize an Open House on Feb 11th and on Feb 24th to show off the auditorium, cafeteria and ms gym (renovations etc...); Jay will include both items in the e-News and invite board members and community group members to give tours; Kristina will post to Front Porch Forum;
 - The school is continuing work on prof-based grading, grad requirements and how these initiatives all fit together
 - Spring testing includes Science NECAPs and SBACs; talked about providing snacks for testing – how will that work with the new testing format? Since the testing is so staggered, perhaps just sending out a message to families encouraging good rest, healthy breakfast etc... Perhaps we can fund healthy snack bags to be given to all testers? The school is currently working on the testing schedule; Lynn R will check with Joallen to run the idea by her – our group will fund; 7th grade – week of March 23rd

4. Teacher Reports

5. Member Updates

Other Business:

- a. **Rummage Sale – April 11, 2015** – update; drop off from 9-10:30 on February 14th (entrance on the North end of the building – white section) **and every weekend in March; We need to make sure we publically thank Kennedy Brothers for letting us store our items there**

- b. **Parent/Family lecture series:** Lynn left messages for Morris Earle to speak about Internet safety; She also left a message for Willow Wheelock with a focus on healthy relationships; Neither has responded yet so Lynn will follow up; Stephanie offered Tom Fontana as a possible resource – he has been giving talks about consent at VUHS – Lynn will follow up with Tom; Lou will check with Ferrisburgh about a past Internet safety presenter who was quite good as a potential presenter; Lou mentioned a possible presentation about sports psychology and the stresses associated with that; Tania will check in with her Middlebury contact; possible dates – March 24; April 7; May 5

from 7-8:30; Compensation? Lynn and Tania will ask the presenters what their rate is – most likely a cap of \$150

Narrowed down to four themes - Talking to your teen about sex; cyber safety, college safety issues and planning for college/gap year; Kristina will run the ideas by Jay/Stephanie and then choose dates and look for speakers

- c. **CPTG responsibilities** – Below is a list of the tasks that occur over the course of the year.
- d. **Follow up on grants** – Stephanie will follow up with Mark Powers about fall field trip request; the trip did not happen during the fall but is most likely going to happen this Spring; the money is still available; Jay will follow up with Oratorical Society and see how that club is progressing

Next meeting - March 11th from 6:30 - 8:00