

**Vergennes Union Middle and High School  
Commodore Parent Group Meeting  
March 31, 2015 - 6:30 pm**

1. Call to Order Jay Stetzel
2. Brief Recap (minutes)
3. Administrative Update Stephanie Taylor/Jay Stetzel
  - SBAC snacks: Not many snacks came in for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade testing; Discussion questions included... How do we communicate this better? Is it sanitary if it is coming in from homes? Joallen did provide some snack bags for kids. Do we really need to provide it? SBAC testing is different than NECAP - snacks might not be necessary.

**Decision made to not sponsor snacks anymore in the future. Lynn R suggested that administration communicate via the e-News (or email) the expectations for testing week - lots of rest, bring snacks etc...**

- **Budget:** The board is meeting tomorrow morning about how to communicate info about the budget; Jay and Stephanie are talking with JoAn Canning about the best ways to communicate and will share any ideas with our group.

Other Business:

**Grant Requests:**

- Lou shared a request from Deb White (Team Phoenix) for \$150 to sponsor a culminating unit project on economics - "Cupcake Wars". Approved.
- Kristina proposed to donate \$500 to Friends of Music for new lights in the auditorium and \$500 to Boosters Club; Jay proposed that we give money to other groups when they have a specific need that can't be met; the group chose to fund the light request but will wait to fund the Boosters until they have a specific request for the monies
- Tania shared the idea of a discretionary fund for all teachers like they have at VUES. Stephanie voiced concern that these types of requests would be hard to vet and would prefer we use the enrichment grant process.

**Rummage Sale - April 11, 2015**

- Holly is looking for help on Friday morning to start bringing the goods into the building; the most help is needed in the morning to unload; Kristina sent a press release and ad out to the local papers; Kira W brought the signs we used last year and explained the rules for correct placement so they are not taken; class of 2016 is doing concessions and car wash during the rummage

sale; found out that an AAU tournament is happening on Saturday and Sunday here which could impact the parking; Kristina will put out another email to the parent group asking for help;

**Parent/Family lecture series - finalize dates, speakers:** Kristina sent a press release about the Tom Fontana lecture to the paper and will send a Front Porch forum blurb for us to disseminate to friends that live in the local towns to put in their Front Porch Forums; Lynn will arrange for water

**Teacher Appreciation Week (May):** This year, teacher appreciation is the first week of May. (Last year, Kristina bought platters of food for a luncheon.) May 8<sup>th</sup> (since it not an inservice day anymore) would be a good day to provide breakfast for the staff. Combination of baked goods from home and bought goods will be provided.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.