

**Vergennes Union Middle and High School
Commodore Parent Teacher Group**

Meeting Agenda
February 3rd, 2016
VUHS Library
6:30-8:00pm

- Welcome Carla and Lynne
 - Meeting Minutes from January - Review - 5 Kira
 - *While reviewing the minutes Stephanie shared that senior privileges of an open campus has gone well and been "rather unremarkable to date".
 - *There was a short discussion regarding the work that students are doing on their PBGRs and PLPs towards presentations at the end of the year.
 - Treasurer Report - 10 Sue
 - *Sue revised the spreadsheet of expenses. It now shows everything that has been spent in each line item category. Also included is the total remaining balance . It is now very easy to see the financial picture of the group.
 - *During the treasurer's report the topic of VUHS's outside sign came up again. Jay said a new sign was not likely to be addressed this school year so the pledge of \$5000 from this group was rescinded.
- Administrative Update including information about the "Most Likely to Succeed" video- 10 Jay / Stephanie
 - *Stephanie was wondering if the Commodore Parent Teacher Group would like to sponsor a screening of the video "Most Likely to Succeed". The movie has created a buzz among curriculum directors and other educators. It is a documentary of education and an example of a trans formative education system which includes a more hands on approach to learning. A screening of the video would cost \$350, including a facilitation packet. The idea is to invite the community to watch the 1½ hour video and then have an opportunity for discussion, perhaps facilitated by Jay and or Stephanie.
- Act 46 update and request for money for signs- 10 Kristina

Kristina shared the presentation she has given to other groups regarding unification. She handed out the brochure that explains unification that will be sent to voters and told the group about a link for more information on the anwsu website.

She then asked the group to help pay \$325 for 100 signs that were made to get out the vote and encourage voting for unification. The idea was to have teacher parent groups help pay for them. It was decided that either the cost will be split three ways VUES/Addison/VUHS or if VUES decides not to fund the signs the Commodore Parent Teacher Group would pay for $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost. She asked members of the group if they would attend basketball games and the black and white cabaret to get the word out about unification and answer any questions.

The group looked at a sample ballot and agreed the question regarding unification looked wordy and perhaps challenging to understand.

- Trinkets and Treasures Sale Updates;

collection dates: Feb 6 and 20th from 9-11; - 5 Carla

Carla reminded the group that the sale is Saturday, April 2nd. This year the group will provide a snack table. She asked the group to please donate to it.

- Sub-committees - grants, staff appreciation, and workshops - next steps including discussion about funding video request - All

Tania and Lou have agreed to continue to spearhead the grant committee.

Sue H. has agreed to chair the staff appreciation committee.

No one came forward to lead the workshops committee.

Regarding funding the video request - Carla said that she would contact folks who had attended at least two meetings of the Commodore Parent Teacher Group this school year and give them the opportunity to learn more about this video. At the March meeting a decision will be made whether or not to fund it.

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 2nd, 2016 from 6:30-8:00pm

The VUHS CPTG Mission Statement: To encourage and support academic achievement through the promotion of family involvement in the school, enrichment programs, and communications between families/parents, teachers, administrators, and community members.