

Minutes

Attending: Carla M, Lou M, Tania B, Melanie Clark, Sue H, Molly G, Tracy Trembuell, Jay S and Kristina McKulkin

Vergennes Union Middle and High School Commodore Parent Teacher Group

Meeting Agenda
November 2nd, 2016
VUHS Library
6:30-8:00pm

- Welcome
- Meeting Minutes Review : skipped tonight
- Treasurer Report : Since last meeting, we have spent \$90 on the ad in the Playbill and \$325 to Team Phoenix for rowing fieldtrip; Began the month with \$16,987 and ended with \$16,397.49.
- Administrative Update: Jay shared some general school news including that quarter ends tomorrow - Nov 3 and that Parent-Teacher conferences are also scheduled for Nov 3; the school is hoping that students will come with their families to the conferences; Jay shared the faculty continues to work with Bill Rich on creating learning scales for targets; A general discussion and question session followed about standards based grading
- Grant update : Lou shared with the group the upshot of the chili challenge/rowing request that we originally approved \$500 toward; the end result is that since the chili challenge is no longer happening, we will donate \$325 instead
- CPTG Updates: Snacks at parent teacher conferences will be made and provided by Sue Hameline and Stacey Stearns - thank you :)

- **School board updates :** Kristina shared that the new unified school board has established a community outreach committee (of which she is a part). The task for this group is to define a vision statement for the district and are soliciting students, parents, teachers and community members in a variety of ways to get their input. Any public is welcome to attend their meetings. The next one is scheduled for November 15th at 6:00 at the Bixby Library.

In addition, she wanted folks to be aware that teacher negotiations are currently underway and all sessions are open to the public for those who want to attend.

- **Fundraising ideas**

Lou shared the idea of a holiday Christmas cookie walk in which the public is invited to come and buy cookies by the pound that are prepared by the organization fundraising.

Carla shared the idea of a "hassle free fundraiser" in which families are asked to make a donation as opposed to having to buy something. The Ferrisburgh parent group currently does a similar fund raiser in the fall.

Kristina had the idea of a spring run that would be sponsored by the Parent Group.

Melanie Clark had 2 things to share:

- 1) The Ferrisburgh PTO is hosting a local band/family dance night on January 21st from 6-8 in the ms gym with the band Discolicious. Their group had the idea to open it up to families from all the schools in the district to celebrate the unification. There would be jars at the entrance of the dance for donations to either Addison, FCS, VUES or VUHS. She wanted to make sure we were okay with this idea (which we were!) and will help to advertise the event in upcoming e-News editions.
- 2) The second idea would be asking Vergennes businesses to participate in a "Round Up" day for a period of time (most likely one week). Basically, participating businesses would ask their customers if they would like to "round up" their bill to the nearest dollar with the understanding that the extra money would go to the Parent Group. This idea was met with enthusiasm from the group to explore further. Lynne, Carla, Melanie and

Molly (as a member of the Vergennes Partnership) will explore this further.
This would not need to happen until the late winter/early spring.

Please note - there will NOT be a meeting in December. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 11th. We will be hearing a presentation about the Youth Risk Behavior Survey results and begin planning for staff appreciation activities.

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