

**Vergennes Union Middle and High School
Commodore Parent Teacher Group
Meeting Minutes February 1, 2017
6:30-8:00pm VUHS library
Attendees: Carla, Lynne, Sue, Molly, Tania, Jay, Steve O., Kira**

- Welcome Carla + Lynne
- Meeting Minutes Review Kira
- Treasurer Report Sue

Sue reported that the recent dance raised \$194.60. The group will shortly fund Project Graduation \$500 and a V-RED Youth Risk Behavior Grant \$130.

- Administrative Update Jay

Jay commented on the school's closure the Friday before due to lack of sufficient heat. He said the school's heating system has not been maintained well that several parts needed to be replaced. He said the system will eventually need to be replaced but that will take a bond. He asked if anyone had any questions and Carla asked about a report that showed an uptick in harassing behaviors. Jay said it may be due to the political climate right now. He then shared what is being offered for suicide prevention. A curriculum called "Lifelines" is being taught to 7th and 8th graders. Later in February there will be a parent night (which will be also open to students and the community) called Building Resilient Students which will talk about suicide. ACTION: Lynne and Jay will talk about child care and food for this event.

- Review recent activities - luncheon; dance Lynne

Lynne and Sue were thanked for hosting the luncheon on the January in-service day. Teachers thanked us. It went well. The Unification Dance that was spearheaded by Ferrisburgh Parent teacher Group raised \$194.60 for CPTG. It was held in the high school gym. The decorations were great. It was a little loud for little kids. Senior class sold concessions. Mostly elementary kids attended. One suggestion if held again would be to offer music that the kids might be more familiar with.

- Recent grant request review Tania
- Okayed Project Grad \$500 and V-RED Youth Risk Behavior Grant \$130**

- Screenagers update

Sue + Jay

The group okayed \$650 to be spent on viewings of the documentary Screenagers. On Wednesday, March 29 the CPTG will offer a public screening and sometime around that time Jay said he plans to show it to VUHS students. The group plans to organize the publicity for the public screening at the March CPTG meeting. It will appear in the E-News, Front Porch Forums and info will go out to elementary school parent teacher groups. ACTION: Kira will ask the Addison Independent if they will post the event in their calendar of events.

- 2017 Fundraiser

Carla

Carla proposed a hassle free fundraiser for the CPTG. After some discussion details included: A raffle for \$100 to the Antidote. For every \$20 you donate to the group you get one chance to win the raffle. The goal is \$3000. The primary mechanism to organize the fundraiser will be a "go fund me" site. We will also work on ways to have folks participate without using the site. ACTION: Carla will organize the "go fund me" site details. ACTION: Tania will ask Jason to write a blurb of persuasive copy to share who we are, what we do and why folks should feel compelled to support the CPTG.

- Staff appreciation activities

All

For Staff Appreciation the group decided to focus on National Teacher Appreciation Week. They identified the week as May 1-5 (though when I just looked it up it appears to be a week later May 8-12). Ideas include:

- Offer food one day but check in with School Board and Union to make sure we do not provide food on the same day.
- Banner of appreciation for Monday. ACTION: Lynne to talk with Fusion group about making as banner.
- Offer 15 minute chair massages and possibly spend \$720 on 27 massages. 3 massages an hour times 3 hours times 3 days equals 27 massages, at \$80 an hour. ACTIONS: Tania will check in with Sally Sise to see if she is available this week and see if she will give us a discount. Also Molly will check in with another massage therapist.
- Raffle two items a day, announced over loudspeaker.
- Personalized notes of appreciation from parents. Perhaps we could let parents know about this in the e-news.

- CPTG officers for 2017-18 - new chairs needed

Carla reminded the group that she and Lynne will step down as chairs at the end of this year. The group is looking for new leadership. We also need a new leader to facilitate e-news as that has been Carla's job.

*achievement through the
communications between
members.*