

Vergennes Union Middle and High School
Commodore Parent Teacher Group

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2017 6:30-8:00pm

VUHS Library

Attendees: Carla, Lynne, Jay, Sue, Tania, Margo, Megan, Ingrid, Lou, Kira

- Title One Community Presentation Margo Grace

Margo gave a brief explanation of how the consolidated federal grant money for Title 1 was used. Most of the information was in a booklet that she handed out and then collected. Middle school special educator Megan Olson also attended. After the info on Title 1 Megan shared that the middle school is planning a partial week based on Burlington's "YES", Year End Studies. Middle school teachers will create a list of topics they are willing to offer like jewelry making and paddleboarding and will offer these to the students. She said that they way ask for a grant from the CPTG. The group said it did not know if more funds were in the budget this year. Jay said he thought there was funding available for the middle school in the budget.

- Welcome Carla + Lynne

- Meeting Minutes Review Kira

- Treasurer Report Sue
Sue prepared a summary of line items that the CPTG spent in 2016-2017 school year. It was noted that grants were overspent by \$50.74.

- Administrative Update (Screenagers) Jay / Stephanie
Screenagers was shown twice, once to the staff and student body and once to the public. About 30+ people attended the public viewing. Students had the opportunity to talk about the film in morning meetings. They gave it a mixed review but hopefully it had an impact on some. Jay led a discussion after the public viewing.
Jay was asked about testing and he said that some of the middle school testing was moved later in the school year than usual.

- Go-Fund-Me Fundraiser Carla

The winners of the Go-Fund-Me fundraiser were the Haggetts. They will be awarded \$125 gift certificate to the Bar Antidote. Action: Sue will get the gift certificate. The fundraiser raised just shy of \$3000. Thanks to Carla for making it happen. She recommended we do it again next year.

- Recent grant request review and discussion Lou/All

The budget for the year for grants was \$3500. To date it was overspent by \$50.74. Three more grants were recently requested. After some discussion the group decided to continue offering grants that they felt met the CPTG criteria.

Kristine Kirkaldy asked for \$225 for gifts for host families that the spanish trip would take to Costa Rica. This request was denied.

Sarah Thompson didn't have a formal grant request but did ask Carla if the group would help fund the AP biology field trip the the biodome in Montreal. She asked for \$93 in entrance fees and between \$200-\$400 in transportation fees. The group decided to get more information on a formal application for this request.

Matt Schlein asked for \$500 for an Ethiopian artist from the One Love Theater to work with 4 classes (Walden, Impact, basic art and advanced art). The group approved this grant.

The group also agreed to create a deadline of April 14 or 15 for subsequent applications. Action: Lou plans to email all teachers to let them know about the deadline, number of grants offered and money awarded this year.

- Staff appreciation activities All

Staff appreciation week is May 1-5, begins right after April break. Sue said Fusion agreed to make a banner before break later this month. Actions: Sue will also ask if they would be willing to make 8x11 posters to place around the school.

The luncheon is planned for Friday, May 5th. Carla said she contacted the union and school district about this date. Action: Lynne will make a sign-up genius site and send it out before April break. Sue offered to be available on Friday to set up the luncheon.

Tania said the woman offering massages wishes to see the space that she will be using. Jay said he will let the nurse know. The agreed upon times for massages were Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-11:30 and Wednesday 12-3. Actions: Tania will let her know and Carla will create a sign-up google doc for staff prior to school vacation. Carla will also send out a general blurb about staff appreciation week in the e-news.

Raffle during morning announcements a name of a staff member will be selected and either Jay or a student will announce the winner. Action: Sue and Lynne said they will work on getting raffle prizes. Kira said she would try to get a gift certificate from the Middlebury Co-op.

- CPTG officers/positions for 2017-18 - discussion All

No one has offered to lead the CPRG next year. Lynne suggested that the group not meet but communicate through email. Carla said Molly is seriously considering coordinating the e-news.

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.