

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

Meeting Agenda
November 1st, 2017
6:30-8:00pm in the VUHS Library

- Welcome (light refreshments) - 5 min
- Meeting Minutes Review - 5 min Kira
- Treasurer Report - 5 min Sue

No \$ had been spent between the last meeting and the present. The group has \$15,625.

CPTG agreed to advertise in the musical playbill. A member of the playbill staff said we didn't need to pay but the group will insist that we would like to support the musical and pay.

- Administrative Update - 15 min Jay / Stephanie

A discussion ensued regarding middle school lunch. Recently middle school students were told to sit with their morning meeting group due to a disorderly lunch experience.

A couple parents shared that their students were concerned about school safety due to an off site incident involving a custodian. Following the incident the doors to the school were locked (except the main entrance), a police officer was present in the morning for a couple days and Stephanie read a statement over the loudspeaker to the entire school community. Jay said that he did not fear for student's safety regarding this incident but that the custodian may be upset with other employees. He said this man was liked by students. Since then the custodian has been fired, incarcerated and given a no trespass order. The compounding effect of this coming on the heels of the job corps students entering the school and the continued racist graffiti in the bathrooms has upset some students. Jay said that several students talked about planning a school assembly about safety in the building. The school has asked that all doors remained locked except the main entrance and that students not let people in through locked doors.

- Recent grant request review and discussion - 30 min Lou/Tonia
Rowing Team - Since the CPTG's last meeting the Booster Club has agreed to fund new life jackets for the rowing team. After some discussion

the CPTG decided not to grant \$1500 to be used for an assistant coach for rowing. It was felt that the Rowing Team's need did not align with the CPTG's mission. The hope is that either someone will volunteer for the assistant coach position, or they can find a past student volunteer to help out in the spring.

Electronic Sign - The group pledged \$5000 towards a new electronic sign that Pete Maneen was exploring. This is contingent on getting all the funds needed. The cost will be about \$25000. The CPTG considered this not to be an educational grant but falls into another category. The group had pledged this amount in the past.

Math Team- Asked for \$700-\$750 for t-shirts for the high school math team. They expect about 45 participants. Jay suggested that some of the participants only go to one meet, and perhaps there should be a little more commitment to receive a shirt. The group granted \$500, which is the same amount as last year.

Others

Task - Tania will recap grant info and give it to Lou to communicate with grant requests.

A Reminder about grant opportunities went out to VUHS staff.

- Staff appreciation activities - 15 min All

Task - Sue agreed to put together some food and a note for the staff from the CPTG on December 7th.

The group hopes to also show staff appreciation in February and May.

Tania reported that motivational speaker Travis Roy charges \$3000. The group thought that may be too expensive.

Molly suggested that info be put into the e-news regarding highlights for the fall sports teams. Task- she will get in touch with coaches and Laura Husk.

The next CPTG meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10 6:30-8:00.

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.