

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

Meeting Agenda

January 10, 2018

6:30-8:00pm in the VUHS RRC

Attendees - Lynne, Molly, Sue, Tania, Lou and Kira

- Welcome - 5 min

- Meeting Minutes Review - 5 min

Lynne corrected a mistake found in the November minutes. It had stated that Mount Counts asked for a grant but instead was the Math Team. Kira asked Melissa Brooks replace the old minutes with corrected ones.

- Enrichment Grant request review and discussion - 15 min

Electronic Sign - Sue said Peter Maneen has fundraised for the entire cost of the electronic sign. When he asks the group for our pledge, Sue will write a check for \$5000.

Math Team T-shirts - updates? - The Check has been written.

Chili Cook-off - The group approved \$300 for Team Phoenix's Chili Challenge on Thursday, January 18. The money will go towards chili supplies.

Others - School Store, request sent in by student - The group did not have enough information, Lynne will ask for more.

Project Grad - Senior Class - Lou will remind a member of Project Grad to request money, if they want it.

Queer Straight Alliance T-shirts - The group approved either \$120 or \$125 for 10 t-shirts (the discrepancy is over whether taxes need to be paid on the t-shirts). The QSA plans to design a slogan on the shirts that represents what QSA means to them. In their grant application they wrote "The students in our QSA will be advertising our group when they wear the shirts. We are trying to grow our group and this will be a way of promoting our group and hopefully increasing participation. The shirts will also show unity among our group and that we believe in the same thing, equality among all."

- Staff appreciation activities - 15 min

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Luncheon - sign up genius created, need to find a date

We had planned to offer food for a lunch on January 22 but food is already being provided to the staff that day. March 30th, which is the next full inservice, was chosen.

Massage - Huge hit last year, do we want to provide it again?

The group plans to offer massages again. Last year we paid \$750 for 9 hours over three days. Lynne will reach out to massage therapy students, Sue

will talk with the woman who performed them last year, Lou will find out who her employer uses. Lynne will email staff regarding their interest in receiving a chair massage.

Thank you from students/parents - can we get students to help lead Lynne will talk with Lee and Fusion to see if they would create cards appreciation for the staff. She asked all members of the group to ask their kids about ways to organize making thank yous for staff.

Other ideas...

In other news - Sue will reimburse herself for the \$ she spent on Staff Appreciation treats for the staff on December 7, 2017.

- SAT Boot Camp Proposal and Discussion -20 min
\$135 per person which includes a hard cover basic training manual
Need 15-30 participants to run a session
March 3rd proposed (for the moment)
Full sponsorship vs partial scholarships

There was support within the group to host a session at VUHS as our community outreach initiative for this year. The group proposed subsidizing the cost of the program for every participant. The rate is \$135 per student and the group agreed to cover \$35 of that so that the charge per student is \$100. Additionally, the group plans to offer partial to full scholarships on an as need basis. Tania offered to communicate this with Jay and Stephanie. We plan to ask guidance to help with scholarships and publicity. The group hopes to open it up to juniors first and then sophomores. The next SAT test dates in this area are March 10 and May 5.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7 6:30-8:00.

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