

Vergennes Union Middle and High School
Commodore Parent Teacher Group

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018

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

Attendees: Lynne, Molly, Sue, Tania, Stephanie, and Kira

- Welcome - 5 min

- [January Meeting Minutes Review](#) - 5 min
Feb meeting was canceled due to weather.

- Treasurer's Report - 5 min

*Sue reported that the group gave Pete Maneen a check for \$5000 to go towards a new electronic sign. Sue plans to ask Pete where he is in the process.

*We paid a \$250 deposit for the SAT Bootcamp.

*Lynne was asked "in the 11th hour" if the group planned to offer snacks at the parent teacher conferences (these were happening the night of this meeting and tomorrow evening as well). She bought clementines, grapes and cookies and will get reimbursed from the group. Thanks, Lynne.

*We approved an enrichment grant for \$150 submitted by Sean Nary to obtain t-shirts for the middle school Math Counts group.

- Administration updates - 15 min

*Stephanie spoke with the group about the walk out to support school safety that students planned for Wednesday, March 14th. She shared that the auditorium will be available with a pa system. The group plans to observe a moment of silence. Students who chose to participate can congregate in the back of the building, not the front. Diane Lanphere has been asked by the students to attend. There will be no consequences for participating students.

*Stephanie also talked with the group about vaping and showed us a device.

*The school budget and bond passed the day before.

*We learned that Superintendent JoAn Canning will be leaving her job in June to become a superintendent in Kuwait.

- [SAT BootCamp](#) updates - 10 min

Tania plans to arrange a time for the facilitator to meet with Jay on the Friday before the event. Jay plans to be at school during the SAT BootCamp. The group wondered how many students had signed up. We plan to ask Jay.

- Community Engagement Committee Proposal - 15 min

We did not discuss this item.

- [Staff Appreciation Luncheon](#) - 10 min

Lynne created a sign up genius site for the staff appreciation luncheon that will be held Friday, March 30th, which is an inservice day.

- [Web page updates](#) - 5 min

The group worked on updating the Commodore Parent Teacher Group web page blurb. Kira plans to send the group a copy of what we discussed to editing before replacing the current information.

- Other

Babysitting -10 min

Lynne said that people are not coming to school budget meetings to know what is going on and then are surprised in February with what has been proposed. In order to help make it easier for people to attend the meetings, she asked the group to pay for babysitting starting in October. She suggested that this be considered when this group sets out its budget next year.

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.